

## Pretoria to end state of emergency

JOHANNESBURG. — President Pieter Botha yesterday announced the imminent lifting of the partial state of emergency and said the process of granting independence to Namibia could start by August 1.

He told a joint session of the three houses of parliament in Cape Town that the situation had improved sufficiently for the state of emergency, imposed last July to curb rioting in the black townships, to be lifted probably by Friday.

Two hours before Botha's announcement, an explosion rocked the heavily-guarded police headquarters in the heart of Johannesburg, injuring two policemen and two passersby. No one took responsibility for the blast, one of the most spectacular strikes yet at an institution of the white-minority regime.

Botha coupled his announcement with an appeal for the peaceful settlement of the political differences in South Africa, and raised for the first time the possibility of a new constitution negotiated with the black majority.

"All South Africans who denounce violence can come to the

### BULLETIN

By YEHUDA LITANI

Uri Avnery, editor of *Ha'Olam Hazeh* was last night reported to be in Amman, where he held talks with Jordanian and Palestinian leaders.

Avnery's wife Rachel told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that Avnery had flown to Amman from Cairo. He is due to return this morning via the Alkeny Bridge.

The last Israeli to have visited Amman, journalist Amnon Kapelink, was tried on his return, found guilty, and fined.

conference table in order to jointly negotiate a new constitutional dispensation," he said.

Botha said a Namibian settlement could be reached if South Africa could negotiate "a firm and satisfactory agreement" on Cuban withdrawal from Angola. He described his proposal as "a serious attempt" to reach a settlement on the Namibian independence issue in terms of United Nations Resolution 435.

South Africa, as well as the U.S., had up to now linked any application of the UN plan to withdrawal of the Cubans, said to number around 30,000.

Botha's announcement on the state of emergency and Namibia got a swift welcome in Washington. Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said one of the State Department's top African experts, Frank Wisner, would go immediately to the region to consult governments on the "significant and positive step in the negotiations to achieve Namibia's independence." (AFP, Reuters)

## HU law dean said to be front-runner for Zamir's job

By BARBARA AMOUYAL

For the *Jerusalem Post* Prof. Yitzhak Engelhard, dean of the Hebrew University Law School, is considered the front-running candidate to replace Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, who announced his resignation on February 11. It is up to Justice Minister Moshe Nissim to recommend a successor.

Well-informed political sources say Engelhard, an Orthodox man of no known political allegiance, is viewed as an ideal candidate for the often controversial job.

Engelhard, who was first informed of his possible appointment by *The Jerusalem Post*, said he was flattered, but declined to comment further.

Nissim neither confirmed nor denied that he was considering Engelhard for the job. He said that he had narrowed down his list of candidates to three, and promised that a decision would be made in the next few weeks.



King Hassan of Morocco is this week celebrating 25 years on the throne. He is seen here (right) with visiting King Juan Carlos of Spain on their way to the royal palace in Marrakesh. (AFP)

## Taba talks resume in Cairo as quiet returns

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

CAIRO. — The resumption of talks between Israel and Egypt here yesterday, less than a week after the outbreak of the Egyptian police mutiny, signalled that Egypt is at least at peace with itself.

Both sides believed last week that the scheduled talks would have to be postponed. But the Egyptian army's quick suppression on Taba, and normalization of the mutiny permitted Cairo to inform Jerusalem over the weekend that the talks were on.

"We are relating to this as a normal continuation of our talks, as if nothing has happened here," said Avraham Tamir, head of the Israeli delegation before the meeting got underway.

The one concession to the security situation was the shifting of the venue from the opulent Mena House Hotel at the foot of the pyramids to the more stolid surroundings of the El-Salaam Hotel near the airport. The pyramid area was the focus of the police rampage which led to the destruction of a number of luxury hotels.

On Sunday, the Mena House maintenance staff was busy repairing a revolving door at the hotel entrance and a mirror in the lobby, the only objects damaged by the mutineers, in anticipation of hosting

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## Levy-Sharon alliance criticized

## Anger in Herut over Arens's 'Mafia' remark

By SARAH HONIG and BENNY MORRIS

Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Premier David Levy lashed out at Minister-without-Portfolio Arens last night at a gathering of his supporters here. Levy wanted to know if "Arens considers himself Don Corleone, as he would have to confer with the mobster who gets elected to lead the party."

With about a thousand of his supporters cheering him on, Levy thundered to an absent Arens: "In what faculty did Arens learn about the mafia? I know you are a learned professor, and I know that all of your degrees were gained in prestigious universities, but did you learn about the mafia there?"

He charged that "for a much lesser insult — the use of the term 'chachachim' (a pejorative term for Sephardi Jews) Labour lost the 1981 elections, and here is Arens branding a whole segment of Herut as gangsters." Levy charged that Arens couldn't "very well speak out against factionalism in Herut at a time when he himself heads a faction."

Reacting to all this, Arens last night issued a statement saying that he "will continue the battle against factional groupings in Herut for fear of the damage they cause the party. I am convinced that I voice the feelings of most of the convention delegates who are fed up with factional hostilities, contests for power and ad

hoc alliances. I am sure I am speaking for all those who hunger for party unity."

Foreign Minister and Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir tried to cool tempers, saying he regretted the statement.

Speaking before a gathering of Young Herut in Jerusalem, Shamir said he would "speak to Arens" about the matter.

The thrust of Shamir's hour-long speech was an appeal to the members to tone down their differences and not engage in noisy jousting which would enable the press and Herut's rivals to highlight the party's "failures and errors." Herut must "disappoint" its rivals, said Shamir.

Arens told reporters in Ashkelon that "the various alliances between factions in the party are anti-democratic. Competitions for the leadership are fully legitimate, but the number of groups gangling up against others is a practice more in line with what is acceptable for the Mafia than for a political party."

Sharon branded Arens's comment "unnecessary and damaging." He went on: "His style is not the sort we should have at a time when efforts are being made to prevent acrimony and clashes at the convention. I will not stoop to this manner of speech. After all, for weeks now I have been active in efforts to achieve an internal peace agreement in the party."

Levy supporters noted that Arens

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## Big rescue operation to save ailing firms

The crisis threatening to bring down some of the country's largest firms and public bodies intensified yesterday, with the government, the Bank of Israel and the commercial banks involved in a hectic series of rescue operations.

The debt crisis now affecting most of the country's business sector and the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Clalit health fund has already forced the government to inter-

vene. It appears that about 5,000 workers will lose their jobs as recovery plans are implemented. Debts to commercial banks will be wiped out. The government will approve the issuing of bonds to finance the rescheduling of short term debts.

The rescue operations will also give the banks a larger say in running the firms and public bodies concerned, and the banks will closely monitor implementation.

## Zim: State to get control

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Israel Corporation yesterday informed the Securities Authority that it had decided to transfer its share of the Zim shipping company to the government, thus giving the government 90 per cent control of the company and saddling it with Zim's \$456 million debt.

The corporation's board decided on Monday to transfer its 50 per cent share of Zim to the government or to any government-selected body. The transfer requires the approval of the Ministerial Economic Committee and the Knesset Finance Committee.

If the transfer is approved, the government, which now holds 40 per cent of Zim, would own 90 per cent of the company. The Histadrut owns the remaining 10 per cent.

Under the present arrangement, the government and the corporation share liability for Zim's debt, which was \$456m. at the end of 1985. By giving its shares to the government, the Israel Corporation is relieving itself of this burden and placing it in the government's lap.

Government sources said yesterday that it would seek a buyer for most of its shares in Zim as soon as possible.

Zim lost \$45m. in 1984, but was expected to break even or show a small profit on its current operations for 1985.

The Israel Corporation also announced a major shift in management, effective April. Menahem Atzmon has resigned as general manager, and will be replaced by his deputy Aharon Zeller. Atzmon will continue to serve as a member of the board.

## Elsclint: Peres steps in

By PINHAS LANDAU

Post Finance Reporter

In one of Israel's most dramatic and complex financial rescue operations, Prime Minister Shimon Peres has intervened to save Elsclint from being overwhelmed by its debt problems.

Following an emergency meeting on Monday between Peres, Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, Bank of Israel governor Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, Elsclint chairman Uzia Galil and top level management of the commercial banks, a package of rescue measures is being worked out.

Sources in the banking sector and in the company expect the details of these measures to be finalized very soon, possibly even today, after which a series of formal announcements will be made by the parties involved.

The *Jerusalem Post* has learned that the background to Monday's meeting was the growing tendency of Elsclint's bankers to regard the company's debt problem from their own viewpoint.

In this respect, given the numer-

ous major problems pressing them, and their inability to grant new loans or reschedule old ones because of the tight monetary policy in force, the banks had decided to opt for the closure of Elsclint, even at the price of writing off the \$180 million owed them by the company.

The Monday meeting was called by Peres at the behest of Galil. The bankers were treated to an impassioned speech by the prime minister in which he called Elsclint "a major national asset." He went on to stress the company's "flagship" role in the development of high-technology industries and exports. Moda'i and Mandelbaum fully supported Peres's approach and also dwelt on the impact Elsclint had made abroad and the good name it had acquired for Israeli hi-tech.

From the point of view of Israel's exports, replacing a firm that generated \$10m. monthly of export income would be difficult, if not impossible.

The message to the bankers was that Elsclint could not be treated as

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## A plan for Kupat Holim

Jerusalem Post Staff

The huge debt accumulated by the Histadrut health fund Kupat Holim Clalit — close to \$525 million — has reached intolerable proportions. To stabilize the fund it will be necessary to reschedule debts, sell off Kupat Holim's assets, increase borrowing in Israel and abroad, raise members' fees and payments and cut staff.

These are the main conclusions reached by Ya'acov Gadish, who was appointed by the Histadrut and

the government to examine the fund's financial situation.

Gadish, former head of the Treasury's budget division, warns that if no steps are taken to solve the fund's troubled situation, the burden will fall on the public. He presented his report yesterday to Prime Minister Peres and Finance Minister Moda'i.

Reacting to the report, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar said the labour federation would

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## Eleven executed in Hizbollah 'divine reprisal'

BEIRUT (AFP). — The Hizbollah ("Party of God") this week published the names of 11 people it had "executed according to divine prescription" in reprisals for a car-bombing in West Beirut last March that killed 75 people and injured 256.

After publishing the names and photographs of the 11, nine men and two women — Christians and Muslims — Hizbollah used a television station run by the Shi'ite Amal movement to broadcast purported confessions from the 11.

The bomb, the party said, had been intended to kill Hizbollah's spiritual leader, Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah. The 11 people executed had been members of a "satanic trinity," a section of Lebanese military intelligence that cooperated with Israeli and U.S. intelligence.

Although it was Hizbollah's first public announcement of such an action since it came into the headlines in 1982, it was the latest in a month-long series of apparent steps to draw public attention to the party's growing strength.

Hizbollah members are the core of the "Islamic Resistance" which said it had been responsible for abducting the two Israeli soldiers in South Lebanon on February 17.

Late last month, the Hizbollah abducted 50 members of a Communist group in Beirut.

An analyst for the Beirut newspaper *An Nahar* says that no security plan for West Beirut can be enforced without Hizbollah's approval.

## Judge orders assets attached Jerusalem electric workers interfere with court bailiffs

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem District Electric Company workers yesterday scuffled with Israeli bailiffs and called on West Bank residents and "Arab brethren abroad" to prevent the firm from falling into Israeli hands.

The bailiffs had been sent to the East Jerusalem firm by the Jerusalem District Court, which earlier in the day approved a request from the Israel Electric Corporation for attachment of the firm's assets. The IEC, which sells the East Jerusalem company 90 per cent of its electricity, says the JDEC owes it NIS 16 million, and efforts over the past 18 months to collect the debt have been to no avail.

The workers at first prevented the bailiffs from entering the premises. But after the intervention of the firm's attorney, Shlomo Toussia-Cohen, the bailiffs were allowed to enter and evaluate and mark the company's equipment.

The bailiffs office later said it would give the JDEC three weeks before seizing its property, because the firm had promised to pay its debt by that time.

At a meeting of the firm's union last night, the workers called a partial strike to begin today.

The union said the strike would not affect the supply of electricity to the company's customers.

The workers would not cooperate with any Israeli body that tried to seize the company's assets, the union declared.

West Bank and East Jerusalem residents consider the company a symbol of Palestinian nationalism, and the court order is likely to raise tension between residents and the Israeli authorities. The PLO is likely to mobilize its supporters to protest against the court decision. And this, along with the break between Jordan's King Hussein and the PLO, will probably strengthen the PLO's position in the territories.

"Since we had intended to pay our debts, the court decision must be seen as an unnecessary attempt to embarrass us," Anwar Nusseibeh, chairman of the company's board, said last night. "We are determined to continue dealing with the case through judicial channels, and we have instructed our attorneys," he added.

The IEC spokesman said that during the past year the IEC had supplied 340 million kilowatt-hours of power to the Jerusalem company, or more than 90 per cent of the electricity the Jerusalem company supplies to its consumers. Its demand has been steadily increasing because of the population growth in its concession area, he noted.

The Energy Ministry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday: "The ministry's role is to ensure a proper supply of power to all parts of the country. It does not intervene in litigation between companies, even if one or more of them are state corporations."

## IPO public council vetoes Auschwitz concert

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's public council met in emergency session at the end of last week and unanimously condemned music director Zubin Mehta's intention of taking the orchestra to Poland next month. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Controversy about the tour blew up last month when it was reported that Mehta intended to have the IPO play a memorial concert at Auschwitz. The controversy took on a new dimension when it was learned that the tour was to take place at the same time as the orchestra had contracted to perform four concerts with the finalists of the Arthur Schnitzler International Piano Contest in Israel.

Mehta reportedly accepted Poland's invitation to bring the IPO there without consulting the IPO's administration. IPO secretary Avi Shoshani has already left for Poland to make final arrangements for the tour.

Amnon Goldenberg, a past president of the Israel Bar Association and a member of the IPO public council, proposed at the council's meeting on Friday that Mehta not be allowed to break the \$80,000 IPO contract with the Rubinstein contest organizers. The council, which is chaired by former Supreme Court Justice Felix Landau, approved this motion, adding that the IPO should fulfill Mehta's commitment to the Poland tour only if "an agreed alternative" could be found for the concerts with the contest's finalists.



Zubin Mehta (Andre Brunnmann)

The only other orchestra that could perhaps host the contestants would be the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, but the JSO has reportedly made very large financial demands for any re-arrangement of

its schedule. The piano contest committee, which is this year marking the centenary of Rubinstein's birth, is to hold a press conference today to announce details of the biennial event. The chairman of the committee is former MK Zalman Shoval.

Earlier, Education Minister Yitzhak Navon wrote a sharply worded note to the IPO, urging it to honour its contract with the contest organizers. Then, after receiving a call from Mehta, Navon reportedly backtracked, and told senior officials to resolve the matter. Ministry sources say that the IPO management misinformed Navon, telling him that the tour to Poland had Prime Minister Peres's backing. But Peres's bureau director Boaz Appelbaum told *The Post* this was untrue.

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## THE WEATHER

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Jerusalem	16/10-22	15/10-22
Golan	34/11-20	15/10-22
Nahariya	49/13-23	18/10-22
Safed	36/12-19	13/10-22
Haifa Port	34/11-25	19/10-22
Tiberias	40/11-23	19/10-22
Nazareth	41/11-24	16/10-22
Afula	26/11-24	19/10-22
Shomron	19/12-24	17/10-22
Tel Aviv	20/13-26	19/10-22
B-G Airport	18/12-26	20/10-22
Jericho	41/14-25	22/10-22
Gaza	27/14-25	18/10-22
Beer Sheva	15/12-26	19/10-22
Eilat	20/12-27	24/10-22

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel yesterday held a reception for visiting San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein at city hall. U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering was among the guests.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

Avi Passner, spokesman of the Foreign Ministry, will speak on "Israel's Image in the World Media" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at the YMCA at 1 p.m. today.

## Finnish FM to visit

Finnish Foreign Minister Paavo Vayrynen is to discuss the role of Unifil and bilateral relations when he arrives for a three-day official visit on March 13.

Vayrynen will be the first Finnish foreign minister to visit Israel.

## Shultz: We bent over backwards for the PLO

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. - Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday said that the U.S. and Jordan and others had "bent over backwards" to give Yasser Arafat and the PLO a chance to get involved in a new round of Arab-Israeli peace negotiations.

But during testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Shultz lamented that "in the end, the PLO leadership would not move."

The secretary, who went to Capitol Hill to defend the administration's new worldwide foreign aid proposal, discussed in some detail the most recent collapse of the peace initiative, underscored by King Hussein's speech late last month.

And while the secretary again promised to continue the effort, other U.S. officials privately conceded that the current prospects for getting any serious negotiating process off the ground were remote.

In recalling the most recent U.S. and Jordanian overtures to the PLO, the secretary confirmed that the U.S. would have been willing to invite the PLO to an international conference if it had renounced violence, accepted "the fact that Israel is there and is here to stay," and accepted UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

He said the U.S. had discussed with Hussein various sorts of international conferences. In that context, he said the U.S. had been ready to go along with an invitation to the PLO to participate in such a conference "but not beyond that."

## Rafael Marinov, 81

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Rafael Marinov, who was general manager of Hamashah Leazarhan for 30 years, died here yesterday at 81.

Marinov came to Palestine as a pioneer, worked for many years at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, and was one of the founders of consumer cooperatives. He leaves a daughter and two sons, one of whom is Dr. Uri Marinov, director of the Environmental Protection Service.

LOTTO. - The following numbers were picked in yesterday's Lotto drawing: 2, 18, 20, 22, 24, 28, and the additional number 29.

## HOME NEWS

## Technion physicist Arnon Dar: 'Star Wars' likely to weaken world security

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. - The case against Israel joining "Star Wars," President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, was put to Technion students yesterday by physicist Arnon Dar.

He proposed that individual scientists or firms - but not the country as a whole - might join. But, he added: "If I were asked to, I would decline."

Dar argued that the project would weaken world security, especially while it is being developed, as the other side would not simply stand by "and the deck is stacked in favor of the attacker."

To provide energy for the powerful X-ray lasers envisaged, nuclear

devices would have to be put into space increasing the danger of a nuclear accident, he asserted.

Even if the system could shoot down missiles, the plutonium in H-bomb contained would presumably be released, covering large areas with radio-active pollution, he said.

As for the advantages of participation, he doubted that there was "much in it" for Israel. The U.S. was not likely to spend more than "small change" on research here and nor would it pass on classified information to our scientists.

The project will not be a serious contribution to our technological position because we will be entrusted only with marginal components,

he forecast.

On the other hand, our scientists would be passing their know-how to America "and, for a small investment, the U.S. will be able to gather information it could not otherwise obtain."

Israel would be in good company in refusing to join the project, said Dor. Canada and some of the European allies have said no, while in the U.S. 54 of the 56 Nobel Prize laureates in physics and 700 members of the American Academy of Sciences, have signed petitions against the project.

While Israel stood to gain a few million dollars, "the enormous cost of the project may force the U.S. to

cut down its foreign aid, which would cost as much more," Dar said.

Above all he objected to the decision to join being made before the matter had been fully debated.

Once a decision is made its "very inertia would assure continuation, even against better judgement, as the Lavi fighter project has shown," he said.

Israel's quick decision to enter the project "without a public airing" differed from the internal debate on the issue in the U.S., Dar held.

He could not escape the conclusion that "some officials are interested in getting Israel involved, as a chance to justify extensive travel back and forth to the U.S.," he said.

## IDF officer 'acted correctly' in killing Balata man

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

and Itim

NABLUS. - The IDF officer who shot and killed a 57-year-old West Bank resident during a clash at the Balata refugee camp near Nablus on Monday acted correctly, the army said today.

The man, Mohammed Mahmud Abu-Dara, was shot dead when he attempted to strangle an IDF soldier after troops had arrested his son as they broke up a violent demonstration.

An IDF investigation said that the commander of the patrol shot and killed Abu-Dara as he tried to choke the soldier and that the patrol had "acted according to the instructions

applying to the circumstances."

Also yesterday, Northern District police chief, Commander Levy Shaul, appointed Deputy Commander Shraga Levy, of Haifa, to investigate an incident in which police opened fire during disturbances at the funeral of murdered Nablus Mayor Zaefer al-Masri, on Monday.

The shooting began after a crowd had stoned a police vehicle.

The Nablus market and the area around the clock square were under curfew following the shooting yesterday of a 19-year-old resident during a clash with an IDF patrol.

The curfew was originally in force only in nearby Balata.

According to an IDF account, yesterday's incident started at about 11 a.m. when Arabs stoned soldiers near the clock tower.

The troops chased their attackers, who fled towards the market. The soldiers first ordered them to halt, and then fired warning shots at their attackers' legs.

Another Israeli source told The Jerusalem Post that the soldiers stopped the Arabs for a "routine check" when one of the men ran away.

The injured man was identified as Majed Takrak, 19, of Nablus. He was hit in the knee and taken to the local Rafidia Hospital.

Several people have been detained for questioning following

Sunday's killing of Al-Masri.

The only evidence made public is that the 7.65mm. revolver used in the attack was also used in the killing, in January, of Border Policeman Jamil Fares, also in Nablus.

Defence officials see George Habash's Popular Front group as the most likely to have been behind Al-Masri's shooting.

But police ballistics test place Fatah, too, on the list of suspects.

Defence sources noted that Fatah assumed responsibility for the assassination of Fares.

Meanwhile, in Gaza yesterday a smoke grenade was thrown at an IDF patrol. There were no injuries.

## Al-Bireh-man cancels mayoral candidacy

Jerusalem Post Middle East Staff

Jamila a-Tarif, the deposed deputy mayor of al-Bireh, yesterday withdrew his candidacy for the mayoralty of the West Bank town.

A-Tarif, a supporter of Yasser Arafat's Fatah organization, had headed a list of seven al-Bireh residents who had applied to the Israeli authorities for appointment as the town's municipal council.

But in an announcement in yesterday's East Jerusalem newspapers, A-Tarif said he had changed his mind because of the recent attempt to "discredit the PLO's leadership" of the Palestinian people. A referendum

to King Hussein's recent declaration that Jordan was suspending political coordination with the PLO.

A-Tarif said that this, and the assassination of Zaefer al-Masri in Nablus and Israeli politicization of appointments to West Bank municipalities, threatened the unity of the Palestinians in the territories.

As a backer of Fatah, A-Tarif had little chance of being accepted by Israel as a mayoral candidate. But his withdrawal, only a day after two other local personalities had dropped their bids to administer West Bank towns, deals a further blow to Israeli devolution efforts.

## Death's head letters for Orthodox Kahane opponents

By MYRA NOVECK

Threatening letters embellished with a skull and crossbones have been sent to Orthodox Jerusalemites who answered an advertisement from a group calling itself Orthodox Jews against Kahaneism.

Deborah Weissman said that after responding to the notice which appeared in The Jerusalem Post on February 21, she had received a call from an organizer, who explained that the group was to be a broad-based religious anti-Kahane front to include ultra-Orthodox Jews and supporters of right-wing parties.

A few days later she received a letter informing her that her name had been put in a "special" file and advising her to "keep a low profile."

It was signed "Director of Operations, Orthodox Jews for Kahaneism." It listed the same post office box as the original anti-Kahane advertisement.

Weissman said she had called the organizer, who had told her he had received several similar complaints. Apparently someone had gained access to his post office box, he said.

David Schonberg, who also received the threatening letter, filed a complaint with the police on Monday. He said the police had told him the group was unknown to them, but that they would investigate. The police spokesman could provide no details last night, and said he did not know if the anti-Kach organizer had also filed a complaint.

## Anger at AACI condemnation of Kahane

By MOSHE KOHN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kahanism is a "moral issue, not a political one," Rabbi Hank Skirball, national president of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel says, defending the AACI's recent condemnation of "Meir Kahane's racist programme and activities," against those who oppose the organization's taking a stand on what they consider a "partisan" issue.

Skirball told The Jerusalem Post yesterday the AACI's involvement in public affairs will be one of the issues discussed at its national convention on March 17-18. The condemnation of Kahaneism, issued by the AACI national board in December, has angered several members who are expected to voice their objections at the convention.

In a statement to the Al-Ahram newspaper, Badr said 17,000 conscripts had taken part in the disturbances in the Cairo area and four other Egyptian districts - 10,000 from the security police and 7,000 from the Central Security Forces.

Badr said that at a recent meeting with heads of security departments, Mubarak had asked the authorities to determine whether Moslem fundamentalists had infiltrated the security forces.

The investigators had not yet reached any concrete conclusions, he said.

Badr also told the paper that the authorities had seized the "memoirs" of jailed Lt. Col. Abboud al-Zumr, a leading member of the most extreme fundamentalist group in Egypt, Islamic Holy War. Al-Zumr is now serving a 25-year sentence for his part in the assassination of president Anwar Sadat and in disturbances which followed in Assiut, south of Cairo.

"People who want to get involved in political issues have plenty of other forums in which to do it," one objector told The Post. "The AACI should concentrate on the matters for which it was created: helping newcomers to get settled and encouraging aliyah."

Skirball has written a statement defending the board's action that is to appear in the pre-convention issues of the AACI's regional bulletins.

In the statement, Skirball says: "The Board's rationale was that Kahane's tactics have made him patently a *kofer be'ikkar* (heretic) with regard to a basic cornerstone of Zionism and Israel, and thus antithetical to AACI's fundamental philosophy. This puts the issue outside the realm of legitimate debate, and thus it is not a partisan issue."

## Egypt hints fundamentalists behind riots

Egyptian Interior Minister Zaki

Badr hinted for the first time yesterday that last week's riots had been incited by Moslem fundamentalists who had infiltrated the security forces in an attempt to overthrow President Mubarak's regime.

In a statement to the Al-Ahram newspaper, Badr said 17,000 conscripts had taken part in the disturbances in the Cairo area and four other Egyptian districts - 10,000 from the security police and 7,000 from the Central Security Forces.

Badr said that at a recent meeting with heads of security departments, Mubarak had asked the authorities to determine whether Moslem fundamentalists had infiltrated the security forces.

The investigators had not yet reached any concrete conclusions, he said.

Badr also told the paper that the authorities had seized the "memoirs" of jailed Lt. Col. Abboud al-Zumr, a leading member of the most extreme fundamentalist group in Egypt, Islamic Holy War. Al-Zumr is now serving a 25-year sentence for his part in the assassination of president Anwar Sadat and in disturbances which followed in Assiut, south of Cairo.

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## Demjanjuk spends a silent day in his cell

By BARBARA AMOYAL

Accused Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk kept silent in his high-security cell at Ayalon Prison yesterday and stared at the ceiling for most of the day, his wardens said.

Demjanjuk, accused of killing nearly a million people in the Treblinka concentration camp in Poland, was spending his fifth day in the jail after being extradited from the U.S. last Friday.

Except for telling Ramle Prison head Peretz Chen "I'm in the jail where I was held in the U.S.," they gave me a small television," Demjanjuk did

not utter a single word.

He is being guarded by a specially-selected seven-man team led by Avraham Bar-Sheshet. Bar-Sheshet is charged with inspecting and tasting Demjanjuk's food before it is served to the prisoner in his cell.

Demjanjuk's wardens, Jew, Christians and Druse all under the age of 25, are unarmed.

Jerris Nabas, a Christian warder said yesterday of his charge: "I treat Demjanjuk like any other prisoner."

Demjanjuk yesterday refused to dress and spent the day in his light blue prison-issue pyjamas. He wrote

a two-page letter in his native Ukrainian to his wife in Cleveland and jotted down notes on pieces of paper.

He has neither asked for, nor received, newspapers or other reading matter. Prison Service officials said they would consider providing a television set if Demjanjuk submitted a formal request.

Demjanjuk was examined yesterday and declared "fit and strong," by Dr. Alexander Polanski of the Prison Service medical department.

The 66-year-old prisoner exercised yesterday afternoon.

## TA man allegedly hacked to death by his brother

By YORAM GAZIT

and MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. - A man was hacked to death with an axe at his Tel Aviv apartment yesterday in what police described as one of the city's most brutal murders.

Shamir Ben Yosef, 32, was allegedly murdered by his brother, Moshe, 22, who tried to commit suicide immediately afterwards.

"He deserved it. He was torturing our mother and the whole family. I couldn't take it any more," the younger brother reportedly told police.

The body was found by their mother when she returned from shopping to her home in quiet, residential Bar Ilan street.

Shamir was lying near his bed, his head smashed by three axe blows.

When police arrived, the victim's brother refused to come out of the bathroom, into which he had locked himself. The police broke the door and found him lying in the bath. He had swallowed 30 sleeping pills.

The two brothers often quarrelled, neighbours said. Both are said to have suffered bouts of mental instability.

Their 15-year-old brother was at school when the murder happened.

The trial resumes on June 2.

## Galilee settlement members plan demonstration over funds

By MENAHEM BOROWITZ

KIRYAT SHMONA. - Members of the Galilee settlements of Shoheta, Netua, Even Menahem and Akosh said yesterday that they were planning a protest demonstration today on the Lebanese border.

Earlier, a meeting between moshav leaders and Jewish Agency officials failed to solve any of the farmers' financial problems.

The heads of the northern border settlements are demanding an urgent meeting with government ministers to discuss the economic crisis in the region.

## Peres issues call for electoral reform

Post Political Reporters

Prime Minister Shimon Peres last night called for electoral reform, saying that there was no other way for improving the country's public administration.

Addressing the opening of the Civil Servants Union convention, Peres said that the coalition system had produced chronic abnormalities

in Israeli governments. That system must be changed, he said, if the country was to have strong, efficient government.

Peres's call is expected to give impetus to the current Knesset initiative for electoral reform. Some 40 MKs have already signed a private members' bill proposing a mixed constituency and proportional representation system.



The Lebanese army seals off a crossing point on Beirut's Green Line yesterday, after two days of shelling and sniping between Christian and Moslem sectors of the city. (AFP telephoto)

## Israel broke promise to U.S. on Ethiopian Jews, says Peled

MK Peled (Progressive Peace

List) said yesterday that the authorities were settling Ethiopian immigrants in the administered areas in increasing numbers, even though they had promised the U.S. government, at Washington's request, that these immigrants would be settled solely inside the Green Line.

In a statement in the Knesset lobby, Peled said that 51 of the 60 families in the Kiryat Arba immigration absorption centre are from Ethiopia. Another 29 Ethiopian families were recently assigned permanent housing elsewhere in the territories, he said.

Peled said the decision to send the Ethiopian Jews to Kiryat Arba followed heavy pressure by Gush Emunim.

Druse veterans  
A Knesset body said yesterday that the Israel Lands Administration should stop discriminating against Druse ex-soldiers in determining the price they pay for building plots.

A joint committee of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee and the Finance Committee issued a statement yesterday noting that Druse veterans had to pay between 20 and 50 per cent more for plots of the same kind sold to IDF veterans who are residents of adjacent development towns.

The committee, which based its findings on the Israel Lands Administration's own statistics and records, said that the administration should give priority to the housing needs of Druse veterans, and Druse war-bereaved families.

## Higher NII dues

Likud MK Ariel Weinstein warned yesterday that he would

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mount a filibuster against any measure the National Insurance Institute wanted approved by the Knesset. If the NII did not drop its plan to increase dues paid by some self-employed, while not raising the NII dues paid by wage-earners, the NII was to take effect commencing April 1, he said.

Weinstein said in a statement that the NII had already made detailed preparations to raise the ceiling for dues for the self-employed to four times the average wage in the economy. But the ceiling for wage-earners will remain at three times the average wage.

Price of anarchy  
Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav said yesterday in the plenum that the rehabilitation of the economy was proving costly in unemployment, in the drop in the standard-of-living of the poor, in the failure to distribute the burden equally, and in a deterioration in the treatment of invalids and the mentally retarded.

Reviewing his ministry's activities, Katsav said that the full social impact of the economic plan was still not known. He mentioned, as an example the effect of rising unemployment on emigration.

## Progress reported on Pollard plea-bargaining

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - U.S. government prosecutors and lawyers representing accused Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard were yesterday reported to be getting closer to some sort of plea-bargaining arrangement which would avoid the necessity of a full-scale trial.

A sign that progress in these highly sensitive discussions was taking place, authoritative sources said, was

the government's surprise decision late last week to secretly release Pollard's wife, Mrs. Anne Henderson-Pollard, on \$23,500 bail.

A closed federal hearing had determined that she could leave jail. The Washington Post yesterday quoted sources saying that he was cooperating with government investigators by providing information regarding his alleged espionage activities. He faces a possible life-imprison sentence if convicted.

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## Spokesman admits former UN chief served in Germany army Kurt Waldheim denies role in Nazi atrocities

VIENNA (AP). — A spokesman for Kurt Waldheim yesterday acknowledged that the former UN secretary-general had served in the German army as a German officer during World War II, but rejected allegations that Waldheim had belonged to a Nazi organization or had had any connection with atrocities.

Spokesman Gerold Christian said recent accounts linking Waldheim to Adolf Hitler's SA security troops and to war crimes in the Balkans had been tried to defame him during the current presidential campaign.

Waldheim, UN secretary-general between 1972 and 1982, is considered a front runner for the presidency and is supported by the People's Party, the centrist parliament-

tary opposition.

The World Jewish Congress said yesterday in New York that Waldheim had served with a German unit that had transported Balkan Jews to extermination camps and had committed other atrocities.

Christian said Waldheim, as a first lieutenant, had been a translator in Army Group E, commanded by Gen. Alexander Loehr, who was executed by Yugoslavia for war crimes in 1947.

Waldheim himself has acknowledged having served in the unit, but both he and his spokesman have denied that he had any part in deportations or crimes against civilians.

Christian said Waldheim had

joined the unit in Salonika, Greece, in 1942 after being wounded on the Russian front.

Biographical data pieced together from military archives and Waldheim's statements, published Monday in *Profil* magazine, show that he served with the unit from March 24 to Nov. 19, 1942.

The magazine also published a copy of a recently declassified military registration card showing that Waldheim had belonged to an SA, or Sturmabteilung unit and a Nazi student group in Vienna in 1938.

"Waldheim was never a member of the SA, or an affiliated organization, or of the SS," said Christian. The SS, or Schutzstaffel, succeeded

the brown-shirted SA as Hitler's elite guards.

He said that whoever had filled out the card had apparently assumed that Waldheim belonged to the SA because he occasionally rode horses belonging to the group.

"This whole campaign is aimed at embarrassing (Waldheim) and is obviously paid for," Christian said. He declined to say who he thought was behind the accusations.

"Somebody wants to link Waldheim to war atrocities, and not a word of it is true," Christian said.

The Socialist Party, which supports Waldheim's opponent Kurt Steyrer for the presidency, said on Monday it did not want to make an election issue of Waldheim's past.



Kurt Waldheim (Starpot)

## Controversy over plan for convent at Auschwitz

ROME (JTA). — A storm has broken out in the Roman Catholic Church over plans to establish a Carmelite convent on the site of the Auschwitz death camp in Poland, where more than 2 million Jews were murdered by the Nazis.

The establishment of the convent has been defended by Cardinal Franciszek Macharski in the wake of protests by Jewish groups in western Europe and the U.S.

Macharski, in a sermon published in the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*, said the camp had become a new "sacred place" belonging to "all humanity and to ev-

ery people." However, some of his peers in the Roman Catholic hierarchy disagree.

A letter from the Catholic-European fund-raising group, sponsored by the pope and called "Aid to the Church in Distress" has promoted the Auschwitz convent as a "spiritual fortress and a guarantee of the conversion of stray brothers from our countries as well as proof of our desire to erase outrages so often done to the Vicar of Christ" (a clear reference to the beleaguered state of the Catholic Church in Communist Eastern Europe.)

Joseph Lichten, representative of

the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Rome, has asked "Was it necessary to speak of conversion here?" And a coalition of Jewish groups in Belgium called the plan "intolerable."

Cardinal Albert Decourtray, of Lyons, France, seemed to agree. He called the fund-raising plan "disconcerting" and observed that Auschwitz would always remain a reminder of the "attempts to exterminate Jews because they are Jews."

A spokesman for Cardinal Godfried Dannaels, of Malines-Brussels, said the bishops of Belgium and the Netherlands had not been consulted

and were "not very happy" about the fund-raising campaign.

A Vatican source admitted that no Jewish groups had been consulted before the project was initiated in 1984 and added, "Perhaps this was a mistake."

Macharski noted that Carmelite nuns had founded a convent at the Dachau concentration camp in Germany 40 years ago and no one had objected. He said the Catholic victims at Auschwitz included a priest, Maximilian Kolbe, and Sister Edith Stein, a German Jewess who had converted to Catholicism and became a Carmelite nun.

## Computers and schools — not yet integrated

By JOEL REBIBO  
For The Jerusalem Post

Eighty-five per cent of the country's high schools have computers, as do 40 per cent of elementary schools. But experts who met yesterday at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, say that schools don't necessarily know what to do with them.

"There is no concept of what we want to do with computers and how we want to use them," Nira Hativa, a Tel Aviv University mathematician who has designed educational software, told the two-day symposium on computers in education.

Amram Melitz, an Education Ministry inspector, expressed concern that many classroom computers were not used because those who had developed the software had not understood classroom dynamics and had had no input from teachers.

To solve the problem, Prof. Gavriel Solomon, of Tel Aviv University's School of Education, proposed a national research centre for computers in education. He also called an industry to work with education officials to formulate policy.

"It is naive to think that computers will solve all problems," he said. "But the educational system must teach children how to live with computers if we are to compete with the rest of the world."

Solomon said computers could contribute to individualized instruction and should not be harshly judged after only a few years. He favoured concentrating ministry resources in a few select schools to develop a model of how computers should be used.

The ministry's policy, formulated three years ago, has favoured schools in development towns.

"It's consistent with our policy of trying to narrow the gap and improve the quality of education in these areas," Pedagogical Council head David Pur told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We also got extra funding from the Housing and Labour and Social Affairs Ministry for improving schools in these areas."

Money to purchase computers comes from the Mifal Hapais national lottery — which last year allocated \$2.4 million for additional computers — and from outside contributions. Six different types of computers are in school use.

The ministry pays for training teachers, but says it is "difficult to find qualified people to train the teachers."

"This is a small country with limited manpower," said Pur. "We have an acute problem trying to compete with industry to recruit computer people."

Pur says that another obstacle to computer education was that all manuals are printed in English.

Though the ministry originally planned to introduce computers in grade 7, it found that many pupils had already begun using computers even earlier. Today efforts are made to accustom kindergarten children to computers through games.

Software has been developed in arithmetic, Hebrew (reading) and English. Computers are used primarily for drill and practice and computer assisted learning, according to Pur.

"In the U.S. the computer was greeted with euphoria, and then there was a crash. We're trying to use a gradual approach. We've convened this seminar to consult the experts and decide whether to modify our approach."

The ministry has also announced a new robotics curriculum designed by three instructors in Beersheba.

## The 'foreigner' who became inspector-general of the navy

By MOSHE KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
"Hameffek! Hameffek!" (Chief! Chief!)

The "meffeked" looked quizzically at the man addressing him. The "meffeked," Alan Burke of London, retired senior officer of both the British and Israeli navies, was in Jerusalem last week as a member of the British delegation to the Fourth World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans. He looked at the Israeli participant's name tag, knitted his brows for a moment, then his face lit up. The two men fell into each other's arms.

Burke looks like a man in his 50s, even though he hints that 60 is quite far behind him. He strode through the corridors of the Laromne Hotel, with the gait of a young man taking a brisk constitutional on the deck of a ship.

During World War II, Burke served on four Royal Navy ships. He began as a sub-lieutenant on a destroyer in the Atlantic, then escorted Arctic convoys to Russia, and then did anti-submarine work as a lieutenant-commander skippering a corvette.

Demobilized in 1946, he came to Israel with Mahal (Volunteers from



Alan Burke

Abroad) two years later. "I had never belonged to a Zionist society," he said. "But when the war bubbled up in Israel, I couldn't stand on the sidelines. I wouldn't have been able to live with myself."

"I was the only 'foreigner' (he drew inverted commas in the air around this word) to come here who had commanded a major war vessel abroad." So he was put in charge of planning the naval operations that involved blockading and bombarding Gaza, El-Arish and Rafah, and landing and then evacuating a group that would blow up the railway line from Egypt. He also commanded the

force of three vessels that carried out these operations.

At the end of the War of Independence, Burke was sent to Marseilles to bring to this country the Royal Canadian Navy "River" class frigate Strathadam, which subsequently became the Israel Navy's first major warship.

While the ship was in Marseilles for overhaul, intelligence reports said Egyptian frogmen aboard an Egyptian merchantman berthed nearby might try to sabotage it. A heavy guard was put on the ship around the clock; volunteers recruited from a camp at St. Jerome packed with refugees waiting to be taken to Israel.

Further reports said the Egyptians were going to attack on a certain night. Although the engine and boiler repairs had not been completed, Burke got clearance from the harbour authorities to go out on engine trials, took on just enough fuel to get to Haifa, ordered a harbour pilot to take the vessel out and another to take it in at 3 a.m., and informed the oil jetty that he wanted to complete fuelling the next day.

He left harbour in a thick fog, dropped the pilot, navigated the approaches to the port, and headed

for Haifa, where the ship slipped into port early one morning a few days later.

Burke's second-in-command of the ship when the Israel Navy took it over was Mordechai Limon, later OC Navy.

Burke went on to become chief of naval operations and then inspector-general of the Israel Navy. "Ben-Gurion was anxious to smarten up the navy a bit, to impose some authority and discipline," he recalled.

In 1954 he contracted amoebiasis, and had to retire from the Navy. He became marine superintendent of the Dizengoff shipping company, which sent him to New York to handle the merger with Zim. In New York he spent much of the following year in hospital taking tests and being treated for his ailment.

As executive director of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, he has been in Israel "more times than I can count." And every time he is here, he says, "I can't walk down the streets without someone hailing me the way that chap just did. It's very embarrassing. I simply can't remember all the people who served with me. But it's really very wonderful."

## Praise for Israel's community psychiatric care

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 1985 law that permitted the forced hospitalization of the mentally disturbed only by approval of a Health Ministry district psychiatrist, was "the best of its kind at the time, still basically good today, but needing some changes," says Jerusalem District Psychiatrist Dr. Yair Bar-El.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, Bar-El said that in some countries people can be hospitalized in psychiatric institutions against their will by politicians, police officers, any psychiatrist, even the local fireman. That can clearly lead to the abuse of civil rights, says Bar-El. In Israel, psychiatric hospitalization must be authorized by one of the six district psychiatrists, who conduct, or authorize another psychiatrist to conduct, a psychiatric examination.

The main change that should be made in the law, he says, is that candidates for hospitalization would be required to undergo this test, which is now voluntary. The test can take anywhere from a half hour to several days. Since "anyone can play either disturbed or normal" for the examining psychiatrist, the conclusions drawn from the test can be subjective, and leaving the decision

to the district psychiatrist was a wise move, Bar-El believes.

In Israel, only 7.8 per cent of the 6,000 psychiatric patients hospitalized each year are committed against their will, compared to 10 per cent in the U.S., 12 per cent in England, and 90 per cent in Japan.

In New York and California, civil liberties advocates have succeeded in releasing psychiatric patients who are not dangerous to others. But thousands of them are now said to be wandering aimlessly in the streets. Unlike Israel, which has extensive community facilities for the care of disturbed persons, these states have neglected to find a place for formerly hospitalized disturbed patients.

Bar-El, originally from Argentina, has been in his post for the last decade. He is also director of the Jerusalem Mental Health Centre named for Dr. Arye Yaros at Kfar Shaul. The centre has a drug abuse clinic, a day care centre, an outpatient clinic and a hospital for 270 patients, many of them Holocaust survivors.

"You'll hardly find young people living in psychiatric hospitals today," he says, since efforts are made to treat them in the community with drugs and other therapy. This saves the state money, and, more importantly, reduces the patients' passivity

and increases their ability to live outside on their own.

Bar-El maintains that few psychiatric patients are dangerous to others. Few have been caught committing violent acts, because serious psychiatric illness "destroys their volition." But there are complaints about those who look strange or are annoying.

Kfar Shaul has placed 23 former patients, most of them survivors of Holocaust traumas, who had been hospitalized there for over 20 years, in sheltered homes and their own flats in various parts of the city. They work mostly in free-market jobs or in sheltered workshops. Most are reluctant to leave Kfar Shaul, so the hospital has set up apartments on the premises where they are gradually trained to cope with normal life — to maintain personal hygiene, take care of a flat, observe proper table manners and the like.

As a result of the community-oriented approach, four private psychiatric hospitals in Jerusalem have been closed in recent years, in contrast to Japan, which is increasing the number of its psychiatric hospital beds.

The rights of patients, ethical problems in diagnosis, malpractice, child abuse and sexual problems and the law were discussed at the recent second International Congress on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics, which Bar-El helped organize in Tel Aviv.

About 120 foreigners, including lawyers, judges, psychiatrists and psychologists attended, together with 300 Israeli counterparts. Bar-El says that Israel is seen as very advanced in the study and discussion of such subjects. Another conference is being planned for three years hence. Bar-El heads a government com-

mittee that examines complaints of alleged psychiatric disturbance made against licensed health professionals, such as doctors, nurses, dentists and physiotherapists. In the past four years, 75 complaints against doctors alone have been brought before the board; 40 per cent had their licences revoked; 30 per cent were allowed to continue working even if they were "somewhat disturbed"; and the rest were told to stop working with patients, and were assigned to research, x-ray units or administration.

Bar-El, as the Knesset's adviser on psychiatry (he checks all candidates for the Knesset guard), has received complaints from the public about the "mental illness" of ministers or MKs, but he will not hospitalize a politician on "the basis of how he appears on TV or what he says."

"A large number of psychiatrists and psychologists" have sought his permission to talk to the 14-year-old Jerusalem boy who 10 days ago murdered his parents and two sisters. The case is unprecedented in Israel, and the professionals "wanted to understand." But Bar-El has tried to keep outsiders from interfering.

The boy is being examined at the Talbieh Psychiatric Hospital. The case has distressed parents and children alike, and that will continue until a reason for the multiple tragedy is found, he says. Publicizing such incidents, and suicides, does create a public sense that they are "normal" or "permissible," but Bar-El won't say that the press must stop reporting them.

Bar-El and his colleagues are considering taking the boy back to his home, the scene of the crime, to test his reactions, or treating him with drugs or hypnosis for analysis, but this has not yet been approved.

## British daily 'Today' hits the streets

LONDON (AP). — Britain's first electronically produced national daily newspaper rolled off the presses Monday night, a full-colour morning tabloid that rival publishers see as their most formidable low-cost challenge this century.

The editions of early yesterday are the first of the 1.2 million print run of the paper called *Today*, owned by publishing entrepreneur Eddy Shah. Shah, 42, who three years ago was a provincial publisher of free community newspapers, yesterday flew on visits to his three high-technology printing plants in the London, Manchester and Birmingham areas.

*Today*, with editorial headquarters in southwest London's Pimlico district, is patterned after the Amer-

ican nation-wide paper *USA Today*. Shah hopes to siphon off 1m. daily newspaper sales out of Fleet Street's combined 15.2m. circulation. He claims he can break even with sales as low as 300,000.

*Today's* production costs, some 70 per cent below those of most of Fleet Street, have prompted rival publishers to consider fleeing London's newspaper row, where production unions are fighting to preserve outdated printing methods.

"Fleet Street has been in a mess since before I was born," Shah said on Monday. "I think it's wrong to look at me and say I am the cause of all this happening," he added.

*Today*, which cost \$43m. to launch, has 600 staff members, in-

cluding 125 journalists, compared with payrolls of from 2,000 to 6,500 on most Fleet Street publications. Shah has bypassed the two major production unions and hired electricians on a no-strike deal to run the new presses.

Shah shot to prominence in 1983 when he defied mass picketing and hired non-union labour at the plant in Warrington, north England where his free papers were published.

Six weeks before *Today's* launch, publisher Rupert Murdoch fired 5,500 production workers in a dispute over technology and switched production of his four British newspapers to a computerized plant in east London's Wapping.

## HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

### Limits on municipal rates

A committee to study municipal rates for commercial enterprises in the large cities was set up yesterday by the coalition executive in response to recent increases of up to 320 per cent, which have enraged many of the country's merchants.

The committee will be headed by Minister-without-Portfolio Yosef Shapira and will include Meir Shitrit, Haim Ramon and Dov Ben-Meir.

### Sharir may deliver Pines note to Mubarak

Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir may deliver a special message from Prime Minister Pines to Egyptian President Mubarak when he visits Egypt on March 16.

A meeting between Sharir and Pines has been scheduled for early next week. Sharir will spend five days in Egypt at the invitation of his Egyptian counterpart Fuad Sultan.

### Third man flees prison

A 28-year-old Taibe resident, detained for 72 hours for refusing to pay alimony and child support, escaped yesterday morning from the Ma'asiyahu Prison in Ramle. Omar Masrawa is the third prisoner to escape from the minimum-security prison in less than a month.

### Grenade tossed into prison warden's car

HAIFA. — Damon Prison warden Rafael Shukrun's car was extensively damaged by a hand grenade thrown early yesterday morning, police reported.

The fragmentation grenade was thrown into the empty vehicle while it was parked outside Shukrun's Kiryat Sprinzak home.

### West Bank land fraud

Material gathered in nearly six months of police investigation into the West Bank land fraud case was delivered yesterday to the Tel Aviv District Attorney's office for the preparation of charges against six principal suspects.

Yitzhak Yarnai, manager of five companies which allegedly bought land illegally between 1980-1985, and lawyers Sami Mu'alem and Uri Ben-Yehuda were released on bail last September after nearly three weeks in jail. Avraham Safim and Yehoshua Mizrahi, of Bat Yam, and Michael Oren, of Rehovot, were held for 45 days before their release on bail.

Police sources yesterday said additional arrests can be expected. "We have another 200 cases to investigate in the matter."



Prof. Osamu Hayaishi, president of the Osaka Medical College in Japan, is to receive the \$100,000 Wolf Prize for Medicine. The prize acknowledges Hayaishi's discovery of oxygenases, a group of enzymes that are catalysts in living organisms' use of oxygen. They also play a role in the metabolic disposal of foreign compounds, such as drugs and insecticides.

### CORRECTION:

The delegate to the International Conference on Urban Revitalization pictured shaking President Herzog's hand in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post* was Thamsanqa Mapanza of Swaziland, wearing traditional Swazi dress, and not as originally published.

## Hangings make me queasy but sometimes they are necessary

### IN PERSON

By BENNY MORRIS

Meir Cohen-Avidov intends to break his Likud party's discipline and vote for the Tehiya bill imposing Israeli law on the West Bank if it comes to the vote today. He could not do otherwise, he says. "For me it is a matter of conscience," he said yesterday.

Cohen-Avidov, a former deputy speaker of the Knesset, says that he is "sorry Israel didn't do this in 1947, when the world was in shock, and it would have been regarded as 'natural'."

As to the other bill on the agenda, the anti-racism legislation, Cohen-Avidov says it is "superfluous." There are sufficient laws to cover such offences, he says. He concedes that no one has yet been prosecuted in Israel for racism but says: "What racism?" "Arabs are often turned down as prospective tenants in rentals," I offer as an example. "That's not racism," he says. "Why, I wouldn't rent a flat to a (female) bar-tender. Is that racism?"

"Isn't Kach leader Meir Kahane a racist?"

"I don't know," says Cohen-Avidov, adding that Progressive List for Peace MK Mohammed Miari "is more of a racist."

"Why?" "Because he supports the Palestinian National Council," says Cohen-Avidov. He seems to equate anti-Zionism with racism.

Cohen-Avidov has submitted three private member's bills to the Knesset. The first would compel every would-be voter in the Knesset elections to sign an affidavit in the Interior Ministry declaring "his loyalty to the State of Israel, to its flag and to its symbols." Cohen-Avidov wants "loyal citizens."



Meir Cohen-Avidov (Hani)

His second bill would provide free education from kindergarten through university to all except the first two children born in their families.

Cohen-Avidov's third bill would oblige anyone not serving in the IDF to give the state half of the national minimum wage per month to finance free pre-academic and university education for army veterans. He realizes that this would principally affect Arabs.

A fourth Cohen-Avidov bill, supporting the introduction of the death penalty, has been circulating in the Knesset for many months. When it was brought up last year, he says, "it got only my vote." But he intends to re-present it regularly. Arabs interpret the absence of a death penalty for brutal terrorists as a sign of weakness, he says.

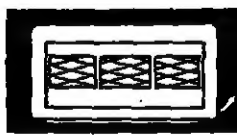
"They don't understand it if you don't behave as they would." He says the existence of the death penalty would deter terrorists, and Israel could invoke it during terrorist attacks. "Let's take the Achille Lamro hijacking. We could have said: 'We will now execute your comrades if you kill any of our hostages.' It would perhaps have saved lives."

"I am not bloodthirsty," he says. "In fact, (the idea of hangings) makes me queasy. But sometimes it is necessary," says Cohen-Avidov, who was an Etzel (Irgun Zva'i Le'umi) member during the British Mandate period. "The big difference between us and the Arabs," he said at one point, "is that I am against executions in public squares."

He tells me of an Arab poetess who recently wrote that she would like to eat an Israeli soldier's liver raw.

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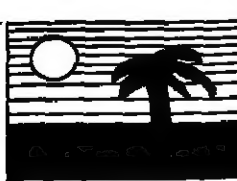
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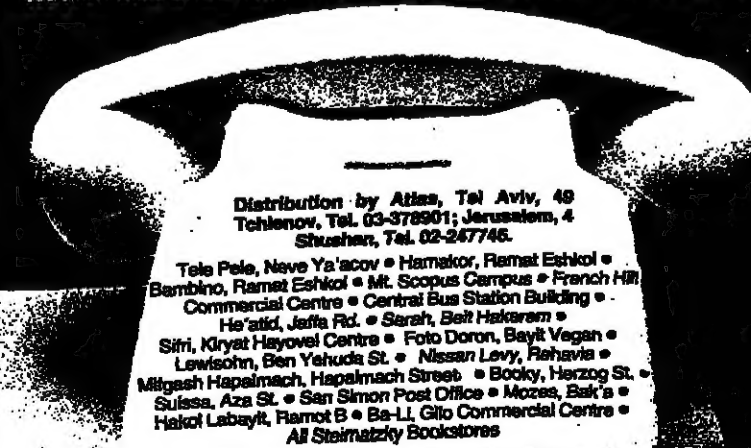
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## Panel formed to recover Marcos's 'ill-gotten wealth'

## Mass resignation of Philippine judges

MANILA (AP). — Justices of the Philippines' second highest court resigned en masse yesterday and a news report said at least five of the Supreme Court's 12 members also quit.

The official Philippines News Agency reported the Supreme Court resignations, but Rene Saguisag, a spokesman for President Corason Aquino, said, "We have not received any of their resignations."

The justices, all holdovers from the government of former president Ferdinand Marcos, have been resisting demands from the new president to step down. The court has 15 seats but three were vacant.

One of those the PNA said had resigned is Justice Claudio Teehanee, who administered the oath of office to Aquino a week ago and has been mentioned as her possible choice for chief justice.

Two others, Justices Vicente Adad Santos and Lino Patajo, were quoted as saying they were placing their posts "at the disposal of the president."

Justice Minister Neptali Gonzales said the presiding judge of the Court of Appeals, Ramon Gaviola, met with Aquino to assure her all of its 338 justices were resigning, Gonzales said.

Also yesterday, the chairman of a five-man commission charged by Aquino with recovering "all ill-gotten wealth" accumulated by Marcos, his family and associates, said that between \$5 billion and \$10 billion worth of assets may be missing.

Jovito Salonga told a news conference that documents found after Marcos abandoned Malacanang Palace "link the cronies and business associates with the acquisition of property for and in the name of Mr. Marcos" in New York.

He said he did not know how many documents were destroyed by Marcos and his entourage fled, but enough were recovered "to prove our case in the courts of New York."

Lawyers representing the Philippine government obtained a court order two days ago temporarily barring the sale or transfer of five New

York properties allegedly owned or controlled by Marcos.

Meanwhile, groups of Filipinos picketed three city halls to protest the new government's removal of mayors and other local officials loyal to Marcos.

The largest of the demonstrations on Monday involved about 2,000 people at the city hall in Quezon City, a Manila suburb. Some 700 carried signs outside the city hall in Baguio City, in northern Luzon, and another 200 staged a protest at General Santos City, on the southern island of Mindanao.

The protests have stemmed from a decision by Aquilino Pimentel, Aquino's new minister for local governments, to cancel a scheduled March election and replace the Marcos loyalists with Aquino supporters.

Members of Marcos's party, the New Society Movement, or KBL, drafted a resolution on Monday asking Aquino to retain the local officials until their terms of office expire in June.

## Swedish police criticized \$70,000 reward announced for Olof Palme's assassin

STOCKHOLM. — Swedish police yesterday offered a 500,000-kronor (\$70,000) reward for information leading to the arrest of the assassin of Prime Minister Olof Palme.

Stockholm Police Commissioner Hans Holmer announced the reward offer in a news conference broadcast nationwide by Swedish radio. He also said the killer apparently escaped in a car.

The news conference, the first in the investigation in two days, came amid a wave of criticism in Stockholm newspapers about police handling of the hunt for Palme's killer.

One Swedish national police official said Stockholm investigators had failed to contact the country's top forensic laboratory in their effort to find the killer.

"Swedish radio reported that 'chaos broke out' at police headquarters when the first reports of Palme's killing came in late Friday. Police detective Goesta Soederstrom told the station that valuable time was needlessly lost because headquarters personnel did not immediately issue an alarm to patrolling units.

The mounting criticism came on

the fourth day of the investigation into Palme's killing.

Soederstrom, who was patrolling near the site of Palme's death, said police headquarters did not alert its patrol cars of the reported shooting until six minutes after receiving the first tip-off. He said the delay could have given the gunman a chance to escape.

Two national newspapers criticized the police for being slow to react, saying they had failed to cord off the murder scene properly or cut off possible escape routes.

They said it took one hour and 20 minutes for extra police to move into Stockholm's main railway station, by which time two trains had left. The centre of Stockholm was not sealed off and virtually no checks were made on cars or pedestrians.

In addition, the newspapers said, the two bullets fired by the gunman were found by passers-by long after the police said they had combed the area.

The liberal daily *Dagens Nyheter* said in an editorial that everything pointed to Palme having been shot on Stockholm's main street "for pure terrorist aims." (AP, Reuters)

## Gulf states meeting today to discuss Iranian threat

KUWAIT. — The armed forces chiefs of staff of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) are to meet today in the Saudi capital to discuss how to deal with "repeated Iranian threats" against the Gulf monarchies, a Kuwaiti official said yesterday.

A communique published in Riyadh at the end of a GCC meeting said that the armed forces chiefs would meet in order to "take the necessary measures to cope with any possible danger" but did not specify a date.

The Iranian offensive on the southern front has brought the Iraqis within 20 kms from Kuwait territory, as they dug in on Iraq's Faw peninsula.

The GCC members are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

The Gulf states said Iran's military presence in southern Iraq threatened their security and called on Tehran to withdraw its forces.

Meanwhile, Iran charged that Iraqi warplanes had bombed residential areas in southwest Iran yesterday morning, killing 12 people.

Tehran Radio said that the casualties were at the village of Shadegan, in Khuzistan province, which was hit in two bombing raids. The Iranian news agency Irna said the village of Mandavand, in the same sector, had also been hit.

Iraq denied the Tehran charge that its warplanes bombed civilian areas yesterday. An Iraqi military spokesman said Iraqi jets had attacked a military camp at Shadegan.

Baghdad press reports meanwhile said Iraqi Kurds were joining government forces battling Iranian troops who launched an offensive into Iraqi Kurdistan eight days ago.

There was no fresh word on the battle for the Faw peninsula. Iraqi commanders say their counter-attack has been hampered by bad weather. (AP, Reuters)

## Radio Liberty editor missing for week

MUNICH (Reuters). — Police seeking a Russian emigre missing for a week from his senior editorial post at the U.S. station Radio Liberty said yesterday they were checking a tip that he may have gone to Stockholm or Vienna.

Oleg Tumanov, 42-year-old acting chief editor of the Munich station's round-the-clock broadcasts to the Soviet Union, has not been seen since he left work early on February 24 complaining of illness.

"The last anyone talked to him was last Tuesday, when he called in and said he was sick," station spokesman Bill Mahoney said.

Police said they were alerted last Thursday after friends calling at Tumanov's flat became suspicious.

"A valuable icon and stamp collection are missing from the flat," a police spokesman said.

He said a close woman friend of Tumanov called the disappearance suspicious and told police he may have gone to Stockholm or Austria to turn the valuables into cash.

Mahoney would not comment on speculation that Tumanov had decided to return to his homeland. He pointed out that the editor was sentenced to death in absentia for defecting from the Soviet Navy.

## FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

## Australia hopes to sell minesweeper in Mideast

SYDNEY (AFP). — The Royal Australian Navy yesterday unveiled a revolutionary mine-busting system which it hopes to sell to Southeast Asian and Middle East nations.

Codenamed the Catamaran Project, the system comprises electronic equipment which straps on to a specially designed twin-hulled vessel. The first minesweeper to carry the equipment, the *Rushcutter*, is to be launched in June.

The navy hopes to market the Catamaran Project for around \$20 million — a package which would include both ship and system.

## U.S.-Soviet arms talks recess for two months

GENEVA (AP). — The U.S.-Soviet arms talks entered a two-month recess yesterday with the chief Soviet negotiator calling the U.S. uncooperative and the head U.S. delegate saying progress at the fourth round of talks was "slow."

The head of the U.S. delegation, Max Kampelman, was mildly hopeful when asked whether he thought an arms-control agreement could be concluded by summer, when President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev may hold a second summit meeting.

## Top U.S. Navy surgeon jailed for manslaughter

WASHINGTON (AFP). — Commander Donald Billig, former head of cardiac surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital, was sentenced here on Monday to four years in prison and discharged from the navy for having caused the deaths of three patients.

Dr. Billig, who continued doing open-heart surgery despite having partly lost the use of one eye, was found guilty late last week of manslaughter and two involuntary homicides.

## French hotelier asks court to oust Duvalier

ANNCEY, France (AP). — The owner of the luxury hotel where former Haitian president Jean-Claude Duvalier and his family have been living for the past month went to court yesterday seeking an order that the Duvaliers and their police guard leave the hotel.

Jean Tiffenot of the Hotel de l'Abbaye at nearby Talloires was told that a ruling would be handed down tomorrow.

## Afghan guerrillas shoot down 3 Soviet 'copters

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Afghan rebels shot down three Soviet helicopters on successive days last month around the capital city of Kabul, western diplomats said yesterday.

One was shot down on February 20 south of the city and the second was hit the next day near the rebel-held Lalandar gorge southwest of Kabul, they said.



A police helicopter flies in to rescue people who fled to the rooftop of the blazing high-rise building in Caracas. (AFP telephoto)

## Chile ambassador, 14 others die in Venezuelan blaze

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP). — Chilean Ambassador Carlos de Costa Nora was killed in a fire on Monday night that destroyed the Chilean Embassy. A radio station reported 14 other people also died in the blaze.

The fire consumed the top two floors of a 14-storey building where the embassy was located. At least two other victims were employees of the Chilean embassy.

Witnesses on the scene said they had seen three people leap from the upper floors of the building.

The radio station, Radio Rumbos, reported that 15 people were killed in the fire.

"It is sad to say it, but I understand

among the dead is the ambassador," the station quoted Fire Chief Emilio Garcia as saying at the scene of the blaze.

Television news reports said the cause of the blaze was electrical, but this was not confirmed by police.

Hundreds of passers-by watched as rescue workers plucked people off the rooftop with ropes strung from police helicopters. They were dropped off at the nearby Francisco de Miranda airport.

Office workers who were rescued from the building said that the fire erupted after a brief power stoppage, followed by smoke and flames inside the building.

## Angola rebels seize 150 foreigners

LISBON (AP). — Angolan rebels who captured more than 150 foreign workers in an attack on a northern diamond-mining town said yesterday they will free all the hostages once they have reached rebel strongholds in the south.

Alcides Sakala, Lisbon spokesman for the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, or Unita, announced that most of the foreigners captured on March 1 at Andrada in Lunda-Norte province were Portuguese and Filipinos but also included Britons, West Germans and Romanians.

"The Portuguese and the Filipinos will be released without further technicalities once they reach Jamba," Unita's bush headquarters nearby 2,000 kms. to the south, Sakala said.

But the trip, usually by foot, "could take two or three months," he said, adding that all of those taken in the action would be released "through the offices of the International Red Cross."

He denied that Unita had set conditions for the release of the British, Germans and Romanians.

Unita claimed the attack on Andrada in telephone calls to Portuguese news agencies early yesterday. A subsequent note distributed to reporters said 60 loyal troops to the government of President Jose Eduardo dos Santos had been killed in the attack.

"We also got kilos and kilos of freshly cut diamonds that were awaiting shipment to Luanda," the Angolan capital, Sakala said.

## SPORTS

## Basketball semi-finals: Clash of contrasting styles

By DON GOULD

Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Sparking off one of the most interesting play-off series in years, Elitzur Netanya, a team that loves to run and gun their way past their opponents, travel tonight to Hapoel Holon, a combination who are also able to run but who generally perform better behind their big front line when they slow the tempo down and settle into a set offense.

In consequence, each of the two new contenders for National League honours will be trying to impose their preferred style on the other and a most enticing struggle, which should go the full three games, is in the offing.

Tonight's opener in Holon is at 8 p.m. The local Hapoel ought just to be able to make home court advantage and the fact that they command a stronger bench tell in their favour.

The other semi-finals, Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Tel Aviv, begin their contest at Yehuda tomorrow evening.

Maccabi's veteran point-guard Mottel Aronson last announced his retirement from the national team. He had made up his mind even before Israel's recent clinching victory over Czechoslovakia which saw them through to the World Cup finals in Spain this summer. On his planned absence from that tournament the affable Aronson said "there are several highly competitive young players who can more than step into my shoes."

His decision is unrelated to his future with the champion club.

## Final before the final

BARCELONA (Reuters). — It is no disrespect to the six other European soccer Cup quarter-finalists that today's eagerly-awaited Barcelona-Juventus tie has been billed "the final before the final."

The two clubs occupy a unique place in football. Barcelona is the world's wealthiest club. Juventus are arguably the world's best.

Barcelona's English coach Terry Venables, who must be resigned to handing over the Spanish championship to Real Madrid this season, has made no effort to play down the importance of the first-leg tie against the Cup holders.

"You could say our entire season is riding on the outcome, and although it will be understandably tense, it should be a wonderful spectacle," said Venables.

In Michel Platini and Michael Laudrup, Juventus boast two of the most creative players in the game. But the Italians are unlikely to parade their attacking skills in the magnificent Nou Camp stadium. "They're bound to be defensive-minded in Barcelona," Venables predicted.

It is one of soccer's enduring mysteries that Barcelona have never claimed the Champions' Cup and both the Italian players and fans need no reminding of bitter rivals Real Madrid's haul of six triumphs.

If 1986 is finally to be Barcelona's year, Juventus must be removed, but that will be no easy task. 120,000 will be on hand tonight to urge them to a decisive first-leg lead.

The other ties, including the fascinating Bayern Munich-Anderlecht and Aberdeen-Gothenburg clashes, are eclipsed by the match that would have provided a "dream final" in Seville on May 7.

Stena Bachert enters the Cinderella team left in the tournament, Finland's Kuusysi Lahti.

## Brighton through, Arsenal held up

LONDON (AP). — Second Division Brighton have joined Liverpool in the quarterfinals of the English F.A. Cup after they beat Fourth Division Peterborough United 1-0 in a fifth round replay.

In an all First Division replay, Arsenal were held 0-0 by Luton after extra time and the two sides will have to play again on Luton's artificial Kenilworth Road surface tonight.

In the quarters, Brighton will host the winners of the round between Southampton and Millwall.

In Scottish Cup action, Hearts, the current league leaders, came from behind to win 2-1 away at Hamilton to advance to the quarterfinals.

## Border saviour again

CHRISTCHURCH (Reuters).

New Zealand and Australia drew the second cricket Test here yesterday after Australia had extracted themselves from trouble in the afternoon session.

Almost all play on the 4th day was lost to rain and Australia, with a first innings lead of 25 runs, would have had to collapse in their second innings on the final day for an outright result to be achieved.

That scenario became a possibility when the tourists, who resumed at 49 to two, slumped to 130 for six shortly after lunch.

But captain Allan Border again proved equal to the task of steadying the Australians with 114 not out.



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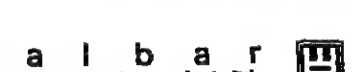
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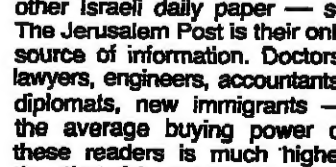
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# Tireless leader Down Under

In Moscow, New Delhi and Beijing Isi Leibler (right) has been working to help fellow Jews. Greer Fay Cashman reports

FOR ALL of his adult life, Isi Leibler, 51, has been in the driver's seat of Australian Jewish communal affairs.

He is the chairman of the Asia-Pacific Jewish Association, which he helped to found a little over six years ago, and chairman of the Australian Institute of Jewish Affairs, of which he was one of the initiators in 1983. At the end of last year, he completed a second term as president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the highest office in organized Australian Jewish life. He is also a member of the executive of the World Jewish Congress.

Not surprisingly, most of the organizations that Leibler has headed have flourished. Independently wealthy, with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, Leibler unstintingly pours his own funds into projects close to his heart and, with only the slightest pressure, has persuaded others to contribute in a like manner.

Although he has excellent contacts in the Australian political arena — Prime Minister Robert Hawke is a personal friend — Leibler has resisted all invitations to move out of Jewish

politics into general politics. An observant Jew to whom concern for the destiny of his own people is paramount, Leibler works tirelessly to preserve Jewish life, lives and values.

An activist in 1959 in the international protest movement on behalf of Soviet Jewry, Leibler three years later was the moving force behind a campaign that led the Australian government to raise the plight of Soviet Jewry before the United Nations. It was the first country to do so.

Leibler has been to Moscow three times and was instrumental in arranging Hawke's visit to Moscow in 1979, during which time the latter met with many Jewish refuseniks. A founding member of the International Soviet Jewry Presidium, he was last September one of the six members of the presidium's delegation to the White House to discuss Soviet Jewry with President Ronald Reagan.

He has access to presidents, prime ministers and other high-ranking officials in many countries around the globe.

Travel presents no problem as

Leibler is chairman and managing director of Jetset Tours, Australia's largest travel organization, with more than 1,000 employees and branches in the U.S., United Kingdom, New Zealand and Southeast Asian countries. Jetset became an even more powerful corporation last November when it merged with Air New Zealand on a 50/50 basis.

ESTABLISHING dialogue and creating understanding with and among opinion-makers and intellectuals throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific is now one of Leibler's chief passions. This is part of the *raison d'être* of the APJA.

In a sense, APJA owes its existence to the Soviet authorities who, since 1980, have denied Leibler an entry visa to the USSR. Frustrated by his inability to do field work among aliyah activists in Russia, he turned his attention closer to home.

Leibler grasped the potential field of activity that Australian Jewry had in Southeast Asia.

"It is precisely because Jews and Judaism do not figure in Asian civilizations as they do in the West," says Leibler, "that we have an



opportunity to establish a dialogue that is not caught up in the preoccupations and hangovers of the past that play such a role in the West."

Looking at the other side of the coin, he warns that in some ways the absence of a Jewish presence in Asia

can also be a formidable problem.

Asians have an exaggerated perception of Jewish power. When he was in New Delhi 3½ years ago, he met the late prime minister Indira Gandhi, who expressed bitterness towards world Jewry. Her stated

reason was that American Jewry, which she was certain controlled the American press, was responsible for her problems with the U.S. administration and was forcing her towards the Russian corner. She was quite convinced that world Jewry was punishing her for her attitude to Israel.

Afterwards, Leibler was introduced to the deputy minister of finance. The latter ushered Leibler into a small room, locked the door and told him that India was badly in need of plutonium and would like to get a few billion dollars worth of Eurodollars charged at a more attractive rate than that of the International Bank.

"If you can arrange that," he told Leibler, "we can overcome most of the problems between us and Israel."

An amazed Leibler protested that he was merely an official of the World Jewish Congress and suggested that the deputy minister had come to the wrong source.

In all his meetings with Asian leaders Leibler has discerned the same constant thread in conceptions about the Jews. "Everyone sees the Jews as a major power with vast areas of control," Leibler has ceased to argue the point. "I'm beginning to think it's an important weapon in political terms."

LEIBLER is gravely concerned about the future of Indian Jewry, which is the most important and the largest Jewish community in Southeast Asia. He says that the six thousand Jews still there, most of them in Bombay, are "desperate" for Jewish education and have been neglected by the rest of the Jewish world.

What especially riles Leibler is

that whereas Australia can have as many as 20 resident emissaries representing the various Israeli political streams, Israel has not sent a single emissary to India.

He believes that the international focus is shifting from West to East. Noting Japan's rapid economic growth, Leibler forecasts that by the end of the century, Asian nations will be seeking political roles commensurate with their economic and population strength. "This is bound to affect the nature of the Third World, the United Nations and other international forums," he says. "By extension, it is bound to affect Israel and world Jewry."

Leibler believes in being prepared. This preparedness must include the laying of foundations for the future in countries in which there are no longer or possibly never have been Jewish communities. He has been twice to the Chinese People's Republic, first as a travel executive, then — at the end of last year — as representative of the World Jewish Congress. This time he held talks in Beijing with officials of the Bureau of Religious Affairs and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship. That was the first time that representatives of Chinese government agencies officially received a representative of an international Jewish organization.

Leibler says there is still a sensitivity about Arabs in China, which has lessened now because of the strengthened independence of China and the opening of other areas as sources of energy. Trade and technology, he foresees, will soften the Chinese regarding the Jews in general and Israel in particular.

"Trade and technology are areas where no ideologies intrude," he pronounces.

## Fight over Reform hostel

By WALTER RUBY  
Post New York Correspondent

NEW YORK. — The debate here over the Jewish Agency's \$400 million budget for fiscal year 1986-87 was punctuated by a fight over an allocation of \$250,000 for the completion of a Reform movement youth hostel in Jerusalem. The Agency Board of Governors approved the budget last Wednesday.

Rabbi Louis Bernstein, an American Mizrahi leader and president of the Rabbinical Council of America, charged that the money for the hostel, which is in addition to the \$500,000 already allocated by the Agency to the Reform movement over the last several years, represents "something on which we should not be spending communal funds." He added, "I resent that those who give the money (in the U.S.) should call the shots on who receives it and direct money to the Reform movement in this way. I think this opens the door to a great number of requests for funding from a wide number of religious and non-religious organizations."

Bernice Tanenbaum, chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, echoed Bernstein's concerns. "I fear that this is going to open a Pandora's box," she said. "A wide variety of organizations will come to see the Jewish Agency as a milking cow."

According to Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulin, "The funding for the Reform youth hostel is merited. This will bring many young people to Israel. We have given grants to many other institutions — including Orthodox ones."

The funding of the Reform hostel passed on a voice vote, with about two thirds voting in favour. After the vote, Rabbi Bernstein told *The Jerusalem Post*, "We never had a chance to win this vote, but by making an issue of it, it will make it easier for us to press for funding (of Orthodox institutions) the next time."

The 1986-87 budget is for \$381m. Last year's \$428m. budget included \$60 million for Ethiopian Jewish immigration under Operation Moses. This year's budget includes an increase of \$20m. for housing, principally for Ethiopian immigrants, and \$25m. more to help alleviate the economic crisis taxing many rural settlements in Israel, with another \$25m. planned for next year as well.

These allocations will be matched by grants from the government.

According to Jerold Hoffberger, chairman of the Agency Board of Governors, "This was the first Board of Governors meeting held in such an open manner. I think lay people there found it exciting to be able to participate in face-to-face discussions with the Agency leadership in an atmosphere of unity."

Asked if holding the meeting here was not a public relations gesture to increase the Agency's standing among U.S. Jewish leaders, Hoffberger replied, "I would not call it PR, but rather educational. What we were doing was hearing the concerns of our 'shareholders' and giving them a better idea where their contributions are going."

## Lawyers to help Prisoners of Zion

MONTREAL (JTA). — An international council of lawyers who will "work relentlessly for the release of all the Shcharanskys and Mandelas now rotting in various prisons in the USSR and South Africa" has been established. This was announced by McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler, who represents various Soviet refuseniks and South African black nationalist prisoner Nelson Mandela.

## IN BRIEF

### Funds to merge

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
NEW YORK. — The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York are to merge on July 1, it was announced last week.

The Federation, formed in 1917, has 130 agencies in Greater New York, serving about 1.7 million people with health care, social services, cultural and educational programmes. The traditional leaders of the Federation have been the city's veteran German-Jewish families, such as the Schiffs, the Sulzbergers and the Warburgs.

UJA, founded at the outset of World War II, has tended to be the province of East European Jews. The two organizations remained separate throughout the 1950s and 1960s, while Federations and UJA were combining in other cities throughout the U.S.

### Warning against narrow attitude

NEW YORK (JTA). — The challenge facing Jewish community-relations agencies in the U.S. is "whether we are ready once again to assume the responsibility of arousing what is best in the American people: their compassion, their understanding, their belief in the American creed."

This was stated by Jacqueline Levine, outgoing chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, at the council's annual plenary meeting here late last month. Michael Pelavin was elected to succeed her.

Levine said that the American Jewish community's continuing liberal stances and voting patterns on such issues as affirmative action, abortion, prayer in the public schools and domestic social programmes "grow out of a Jewish experience reflecting 3,500 years of Jewish survival."

She asserted: "Out of our anxiety about that very survival and out of our Jewish value system emerges our instinctive understanding that conditions which threaten the fundamental rights of any individual in society pose a special threat to Jews."

Levine pointed to what she regarded as the dangers in restricting the Jewish community-relations field's interests and activities to concern for Israel and for Soviet Jewry and other threatened Jewish communities. "Were we to do so," she said, "we would run the risk of starving the very soil of the country and culture in which we have set down our roots, which has enabled us to grow strong and influential as advocates on behalf of Israel, and which today helps us to sustain our hard-earned standing in this society."

### Nazi denied bail

NEW YORK. — Accused Nazi war criminal Walter Kutschmann will not be granted bail by Argentine authorities pending a decision on a request for extradition by the German Federal Republic, according to information received here by the Latin American Affairs Department of the anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Kutschmann was denied bail by an Argentine court and the decision has been upheld by that nation's Federal Appeals Court.

He is accused of having directed the mass murder of 1,500 Polish Jews and the assassination of 20 Jewish professors in Poland and 18 members of their families.

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## 'We're still investing in the past'

When the moshavniks built fancy houses during the years of prosperity, I was not envious of their economic success. When the kibbutzim decided to add on rooms to the houses that were built in the 1950s and 1960s - and put up new public buildings and sports facilities to boot - I was willing to make do with my own three-room flat. And when engineers at Elscint were making \$3,000 a month, I was willing to hold my peace about the meagre wages paid to journalists.

While the Eisenberg group took over companies here and boosted their value through market speculations, instead of investing more of their money in the economy, I was willing to let them and others enjoy the designation of "financial wizard."

During this time I kept paying my taxes - which are dutifully deducted at source - a burden which got heavier and heavier as inflation kept pushing people like me into higher tax brackets.

This same inflation enabled speculators to make a killing on the stock market or through monetary manipulations, and encouraged others, such as farmers and exporters, to use subsidized government credit to make fat profits. Money was also made then by diverting this cheap credit for purposes other than which it was intended.

But now that the rest of the world is poised for an economic leap for-

### OPINION

SHLOMO MAOZ

ward, facilitated by the steep drop in fuel prices, Israel is absorbed in licking the (self-inflicted) economic wounds which result from the failures of its artificial prosperity. Israel is now using the meagre investment resources at its disposal not for growth, but for propping up tottering enterprises. While the rest of the world has started to invest in the future, Israel is still investing in the past.

One of the arguments now heard from those rushing to the aid of faltering enterprises, is that without a new infusion of government cash, the "flagships" of the economy are in danger of sinking; the high-tech leader Elscint, the mainstay of the construction industry Solel Boneh, and the farmers who pioneered in settling the land. Their main worry is that the capital sunk into these sectors over the decades is in danger of going completely down the drain.

Now, it may be true that past investments are threatened, but if we follow this line of reasoning, only the firms in danger of sinking will be helped by government aid.

That, however, is no way to turn the economy around. Those now

waiting in line for government hand-outs, should once and for all learn a lesson taught to our forefathers long ago: that you must put something aside during the fat years to tide you over during the lean years.

The hapless taxpayer must not be roped into paying to keep the "economic wonders" of yesterday from going under.

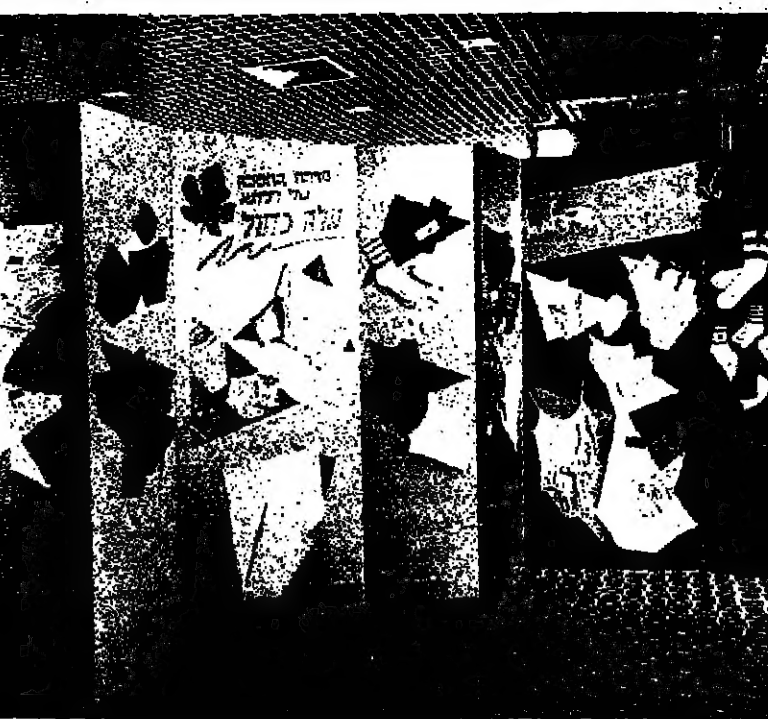
But if the government does decide to sink more money into firms that just might have a chance or that must be kept going for social reasons, then it should consider nationalization as an option.

This need not be a dirty word, if we keep in mind that the money that would be used to bail out these firms comes from the people and belongs to the people. This would at least prevent a re-occurrence of the scandal of using the taxpayers' money to prop up the banks and their inflated shares.

### Fines cut for late payment of NI

Employers and the self-employed who are tardy in paying their national insurance dues face reduced fines as of this week.

The fine has been reduced by 0.5 per cent, to 1 per cent of the dues weekly. It is to be adjusted every few months according to changes in bank interest rates. The 3% penalty for those over 90 days late will be cancelled.



Section of the Blue Leaf exhibition of economy products by Delta. (Ran Erde)

## Delta's products won't be cheaper in London any more

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
"You don't have to shop in London any more to pay less for our products," Delta director-general Dov Lautman told reporters at a news conference in Tel Aviv this week.

He was alluding to the regular Israeli onslaught on Marks and Spencer, where Israeli-made goods cost less than they do at home.

As a kick-off to its 10th anniversary celebrations in July, Delta is launching an aggressive Blue Leaf marketing campaign; what this means to the consumer is the chance to buy Delta merchandise in Israel at M & S British prices.

Items manufactured within the Blue Leaf range will be modified slightly to bring down production costs, and thus prices. But, according to Lautman and Delta sales manager Oriel Elitzur, quality will not suffer.

The Blue Leaf collection of cotton T-shirts, socks and underwear for men, women and children will be sold mainly through supermarkets. Lautman wants his product lines displayed alongside the bread rather

than the blue jeans.

Delta's more expensive items will be sold under a Green Leaf logo in department stores and other clothing outlets.

The local market last year accounted for only 5 per cent of Delta's \$57 million worth of sales. (The figure includes \$5.6 million in sales by Arad Towels, a Delta subsidiary.)

An export-oriented company, Delta's best market is Britain, which accounts for 39 per cent of the company's sales turnover. Sales to M & S last year totalled £11 million.

In 1985, the company made its first export venture to the U.S., chalking up sales of \$4 million, mostly through manufacturing under the Bill Blass label. Delta's client list this year includes Calvin Klein.

Lautman forecast a significant increase in exports for 1986, but would not commit himself to a figure.

Of the 2000 workers employed by Delta, 25 per cent are engaged in quality control. In the past year, the company, which has its headquarters in Carmiel, has taken on 150 additional workers, many of them former Ata employees.

## War on Purim 'contraband'

By AARON SITTNER

Inspector teams from the Ministry of Industry and Trade this week began their annual "search-and-destroy" drive against dangerous Purim toys and costumes by visiting warehouses of importers and manufacturers.

Last year, according to the ministry, "substantial quantities" of hazardous costumes and other articles were seized because they did not conform with the standard as set by the Standards Institute.

The "contraband" included costumes and masks made of inflammable materials, fire crackers, toys containing explosive material, detonators, spring-loaded items and self-propelled fireworks "missiles."

According to the ministry's rules it is illegal to import, manufacture or sell toy pistols or guns "that so

closely resemble real weapons that their appearance in public could result in alarm, or any article that ejects a body of flame or a liquid, or whose discharge causes a dangerous air blast."

The ministry's drive against dangerous costumes and other Purim articles is being carried out in conjunction with Israel Police, the Customs authorities, local authorities and the Ministry of Education and Culture.

END OF LINE. - Iran has abandoned plans to build a \$2 billion pipeline aimed at providing it with a safe oil outlet in the face of devastating Iraqi attacks on Kharg Island export terminal.

The pipeline would have had a capacity of 1.5 million barrels a day on completion.

## Plan for cheap freight service sails into fierce opposition

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Plans for a "price-cutting" new freight service between Israel and Europe, using Bulgarian freighters in part, are unlikely to be put into operation. The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday. The plans had been raised by the Trans-Clal company.

Apparently the Bulgarians, Trans-Clal and the potential users - the importers and exporters - have all developed cold feet in the face of fierce opposition from the unions and the Histadrut.

Trans-Clal, a subsidiary of the Clal concern, informed users that it would introduce a cheaper freight service this month, to compete with the "cartel" operated on the Israel-Europe routes by Zim, the Israeli-owned Iscon company and four foreign shipping lines. These established a uniform freight rate 18 months ago, after fighting a price war for several years.

The Bulgarian shipping line, according to the Clal scheme, would have carried the cargoes between Europe and Cyprus; a feeder vessel would have been used between Cyprus and Israel.

The seamen and the Zim staff immediately raised vigorous objections to a Histadrut-owned company such as Clal employing ships of a country that refuses to recognize

Israel, and that will not sail all the way to this country, to undercut the national shipping company and jeopardize Israeli jobs on shore and at sea. The Zim staff appealed directly to the premier on the matter, and the Labour Council vowed to have all cargoes carried by the new line boycotted by the stevedores in Haifa and Ashdod.

Meanwhile, the deputy director of the Bulgarian company, Peter Doikov, denied in an interview with the trade journal, *Lloyd's List*, that his firm would "establish a shipping connection" with Israel. This denial reinforced local objections. As it grounds that Israel should not give custom to a company that will not come here openly.

Yesterday Arye Mehoulal, director of the Shippers Council, which represents the importers and exporters, told *The Post* that he had "reservations" about the scheme.

While he supported free competition on the sea, and welcomed outsiders who might reduce cartel rates, the 10 per cent reduction Clal had offered was not attractive, he said. The need to switch carriers in Cyprus, with the ensuing delays and hazards, might outweigh the advantages of so small a reduction.

The Post learned that in the light of these developments the scheme is likely to be "quietly" abandoned.

## Number of jobless drops in February

By TSIPPI KUPER

and LEA LEVAVI

Fewer people were unemployed in February than during the preceding month, according to Employment Service figures released yesterday.

The figures showed a slight decline in the number of job-seekers: some 47,000 registered at the labour exchanges during February, 5,000 fewer than in January.

The number of unemployed - people who registered as job-seekers at least six days during the month - fell from some 27,000 in January to 25,000 in February.

The National Insurance Institute reported a five per cent rise in the number of people requesting unemployment benefits. Some 25,000 requests were recorded in February, of which 5,000 were new and 20,000 were from preceding months.

Meanwhile, Aliza Tamir, a mem-

ber of the Histadrut Central Committee and head of the Histadrut Employment Committee, complains that the huge cash reserve in the National Insurance Institute's unemployment fund should be used for retraining. She also said that employers should be required to pay workers a decent minimum wage, rather than sending them to National Insurance for supplemental income.

Yoram Barzilai, head of the Histadrut's Social and Economic Research Institute, said a study covering 14 firms showed that neither employers nor staff committees recognized the importance of retraining workers for new technologies. As a result, many workers would be out of jobs, because nobody trained them in time for new work. The country's retraining capacity, despite all the talk, is only 15,000 at any one time, he added.

## Shipyard wants to sack 200 workers

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA. - Israel Shipyard's new general manager, Ze'ev Almog, yesterday began negotiations with the works committees over a plan to revitalize the plant. He informed them that the proposals will involve the dismissal of at least 200 workers.

The yards have work in hand for up to three months and Almog promised to try to get new orders. He is also trying to interest a U.S. company to buy into the plant.

An \$800,000 contract to construct chimneys for the Electric Corporation and an order for missile boats from an Asian country were lost because of the recent 3 month-long closure of the yard.

Meanwhile Shipyard's receiver Amram Blum has asked the U.S. Navy for an extension of its March 15 deadline of the tender it has issued for the purchase of a dry dock. The yard has been unable to prepare its detailed bid in time because of the problems there.

## Unions set up team to study new wage policy

TEL AVIV. - A team of trade union heads assembled by Histadrut trade union department chairman Haim Haberfeld is to oversee negotiations beginning next week for a new public-sector wage agreement.

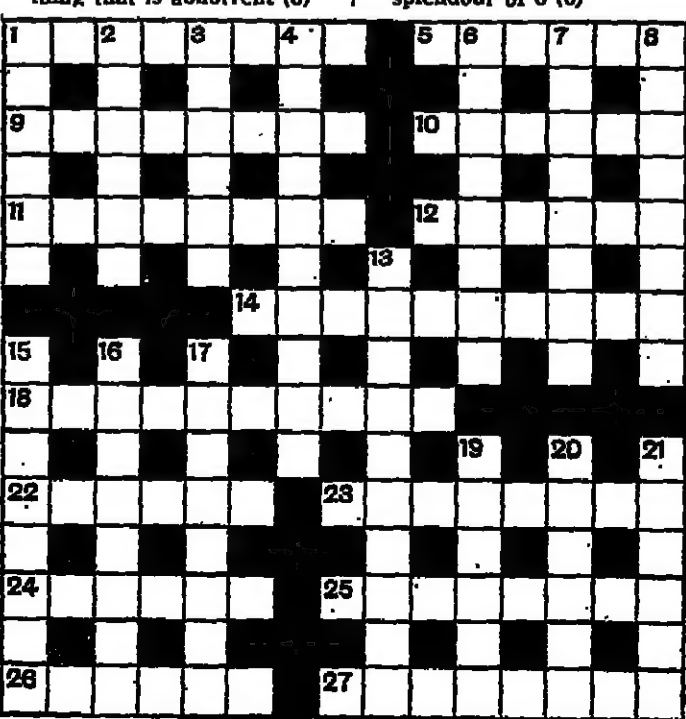
## ONE-ON-ONE CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 All's busy changing course (8)
- 5 Stormy outcry of a babyish nature (6)
- 9 Readiness to accept whatever life has to offer (8)
- 10 An afternoon service the abstainer takes comfort in (5-5)
- 11 Sonorous bombast about one's transformation (8)
- 12 In the diocese of Winchester it runs one church in ten, apparently (6)
- 14 Three gifted sisters literally turn to pieces in Thebes (3, 7)
- 18 A Pole outwardly dressed like a soldier, but kept in the dark (10)
- 22 Flighty fruit-eater with an enormous bill to face (6)
- 23 Stand underneath a 20, maybe (8)
- 24 Makes correct conclusions about the Middle East (6)
- 25 One who falsely pretends I'm after foreign gold (8)
- 26 Great figures, but the Olympics proved too much for them! (6)
- 27 A song of praise about a thing that is abhorrent (8)

### DOWN

- 1 Moving experience for those who follow the game (6)
- 2 & 19 Final salvo to celebrate news (6, 6)
- 3 Having some complaint, I brought in a fish (6)
- 4 A map whose bravery has never been recognised (6, 4)
- 6 A search I start on a controversial problem (8)
- 7 One who believes in art for art's sake (8)
- 8 Can one last out as a classical scholar? Yes (8)
- 13 In the main he has a higher rating (4, 6)
- 15 Not quite out of place as the result of a division (8)
- 16 Malignant quints; I direct to the National Trust? (8)
- 17 Intermittently switch positions (3, 5, 2)
- 19 See 2
- 20 Aspire sort of tribute to a distinguished citizen (6)
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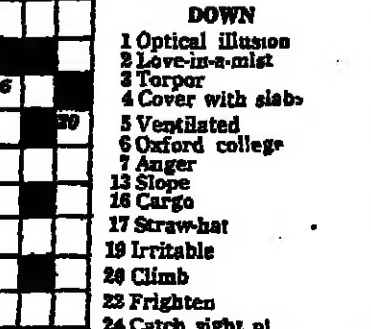
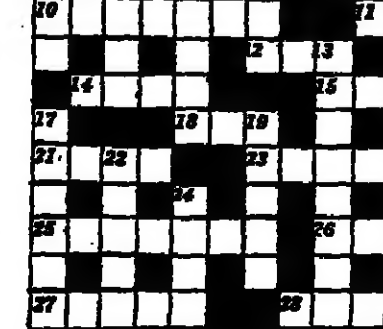
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#### ACROSS

- 1 Clock
- 4 Tranquillity
- 5 Correct
- 6 Set-back
- 10 Brave

#### DOWN

- 11 Risk
- 12 Wink
- 13 Loud noise
- 14 Filled collar
- 15 Still
- 16 Egg-shaped
- 17 Incessant
- 25 Passage
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DAVID RUDGE

## Judicial juggling act

HAIFA. — Attempts by the management of the Vulcan Foundries here to resolve aspects of the violent strike at the Bayside factory through the magistrate's courts has added new dimensions, with widespread implications for industrial relations, including the role of the police in labour disputes.

The forces of law and order have played a peripheral part in previous disputes, taking action only when trouble at recession-hit businesses have spilled onto the streets, as in the case of the Israel Shipyard workers recently.

For the most part, these close encounters of the physical kind have stopped short of violence, due mainly to the restraint exercised by police on the instructions of senior officers.

There is a growing fear, however, that the guardians of the peace might soon find themselves embroiled, albeit unwillingly, in an altercation with the Vulcan strikers — a clash which has so far been avoided by virtue of a judicial juggling act.

The issue revolves around the closure of the factory gates, which the workers have welded shut and barricaded in defiance of a magistrate's court injunction, issued at the request of management.

The striking employees, who have the support of the Haifa Labour Council, maintain that their action is a legitimate response to management's rejection of their demands for the reinstatement of 13 sacked colleagues, pending renewal of negotiations over severance payments.

Management contends that the lock-out imposed on them by the workers is illegal and transgresses "normal strike practices." As agents of the owners, the Urdan company, they say they should be allowed free access to the plant to safeguard the millions of dollars worth of equipment belonging to the firm.

According to legal sources, management has a good case, although much depends on the attitude of the magistrate concerned. In similar incidents, notably at the Ata textile plants and more recently the Israel Shipyard, workers also staged sit-ins, but the courts did not order action against them.

In the case of Vulcan Foundries, a request for an order to reopen the gates, by force if necessary, has been made.

The workers have subsequently promised to abide by an order if one is issued and, as a "gesture of goodwill," have reopened the pedestrian entranceway.

Meanwhile, allegations and counter-allegations continue to flow back and forth between management, the workers and the Labour Council.

The council has accused the company of trying to undermine the democratic rights of workers by resorting to court injunctions, effectively bypassing established labour dispute procedures.

Management rejects the charge, saying the workers and the council are to blame for the present impasse by refusing to accept the economic facts of life. They maintain that a company which ran up losses of \$1.5 million last year cannot afford to pay the "exorbitant" compensation being demanded by the workers.

Vulcan Foundries general manager Alex Ferling said 18 months ago when the Histadrut-owned Koor concern sold the factory to Urdan, losses were nearly \$6m. a year. Koor had taken the "easy way out" by selling the firm, instead of implementing efficiency measures which would have resulted in widespread dismissals.

The workers, he charged, had been used to "blackmailing" management and getting away with it, but such an attitude could no longer be tolerated.

Despite the recriminations, senior Histadrut officials are in contact with management of the Clal concern, of which Urdan is a subsidiary, in an attempt to resolve the dispute. The labour federation, through Bank Hapoalim, holds 40 per cent of Clal's shares.

For their part, the police would welcome a compromise that would absolve them from the prospect of direct involvement in the wrangle.

They are loath to see what is ostensibly a labour dispute deteriorate into a confrontation with workers, especially as the general police policy is one of non-intervention in industrial quarrels unless there is a threat to public safety.

Nevertheless, the police would be obliged to enforce a court order if one is issued — an act which would be likely to have widespread repercussions.

## New flat sales seen on the upswing

By YITZHAK OKED

TEL AVIV. — An increase in the sale of new apartments in February over January — from 354 to 406 — has been noted by nine of the biggest building companies.

Emanuel Cogan, a past chairman of Maldan, the Real Estate Brokers Association, told reporters this week that after a long slump there are indications now that people are starting to buy again. He added that till now there had not been any considerable increase in the price of new apartments due to the slump. He thinks, however, that if the buying trend keeps up and increases over the coming months, prices may rise considerably.

Maldan today has a membership of more than 400 real estate brokers. During a special study day for economic affairs correspondents last week, Mordchai Peles, the current chairman, complained that the government was not doing enough to regulate the industry. "Today anyone can be a broker. This harms the professional brokers and in the long run is detrimental to customers too."

He thinks that only about 25 per cent of real estate transactions go through brokers, as compared to 90 per cent in the U.S. and other west-

ern countries. According to his estimate more than 1,000 persons are working as full-time real estate brokers, and many more work part-time.

Peles added that brokers in Israel on the average charge 2 per cent of the sale price from the buyer and another 2 per cent from the seller. In the U.S. the broker's fee is 6-7 per cent, usually paid in full by the seller.

Prof. Uriel Reichman, dean of the faculty of law at Tel Aviv University, who is a member of a committee which is now trying to revise the laws concerning the purchase and sale of real estate, advised that until the present laws are changed, buyers should demand a bank guarantee from the contractor.

Reichman said that he personally is in favour of changing the laws so that they will be in line with American laws.

This would mean that banks gained greater control over contractors and would release money for construction in phases as the construction progresses. On the other hand, the banks would be held responsible for the customer's money, and not the contractor.

"Today, and this is the reason for the downfall of many in the building

trade, contractors have too much money in their hands, which they are tempted to speculate with." On the one hand they receive money from customers while the project was still only in the planning stage. On the other hand they receive loans from banks for the project.

Reichman also criticized the current situation, in which the contractor's lawyer also does the legal work for the buyer. He said he would make it illegal for the contractor's lawyer to represent the buyer at the same time.

To encourage buyers to go to their own lawyers, he is going to propose to the Bar Association that fees in real estate transactions start at a lower scale than today. Until such a law is enacted, he strongly advises all buyers to arrange for independent legal counsel.

Reichman also revealed something that may not be known by many buyers of homes. The caveat posted by buyers at the land registry (Azhara be-Tabu) has a number of loopholes and does not always protect the buyer as fully as he thinks. As a rule of thumb, the closer a building is to completion the greater is the force of a caveat.

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

## MARKET STATISTICS

## Indices:

General Share Index	105.43	+0.00%
Non-Bank Index	119.23	+0.29%
Arrangement	98.25	+0.12%
Insurance	127.37	-0.31%
Commerce, Services	120.27	+0.91%
Real Estate	139.80	+0.50%
Industries	113.41	-0.92%
Textiles	133.79	+0.24%
Metals	116.45	-0.13%
Electronics	94.94	-1.30%
Chemicals	110.22	-1.27%
Industrial Invest.	119.07	-1.33%
Investment Cos.	127.27	-0.03%
General Bond Index	98.59	+0.38%
Index-linked Bonds	98.90	+0.33%
Fully-linked	100.02	+0.26%
Partially-linked	98.20	+0.37%
Dollar-linked Bonds	96.54	+0.58%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	96.74	+0.33%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	98.67	+0.40%
Long-term 5+ yrs	97.28	+0.42%

## Turnovers:

Shares — total	NIS 9,060,300
Arrangement	NIS 2,088,400
Non-bank	NIS 8,961,900
Bonds — total	NIS 2,793,000
Index-linked	NIS 1,194,100
Dollar-linked	NIS 1,598,900
Treasury Bills	NIS 18,495,600

## Share Movements:

Advances	182	(174)
Declines	60	(64)
of which 5%+	17	(18)
Unchanged	126	(128)
of which 5%+	22	(33)
Unchanged	7	(14)
Trading Halt	97	(93)
Trading Halt	37	(46)

## Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	Stable/falls to 2%
3% fully-linked	Stable/falls to 2%

4.25% fully-linked	Stable/rises to 3%
80% linked	Slight rise
90% linked	Stable
Double-linked	Stable/slight rise
Dollar-linked	Rises to 0.5%
Admion	Rises to 1.5%
Ritmon	Rises to 1%
Gilboa	Rises to 1%
For. Curr.	mixed to 2%
Treasury Bill	1.54% to 1.87%

## Arrangement yields:

IDB ord.	14.13%
Union 0.1	13.76%
Discount A	14.29%
Mizrahi r.	14.18%
Hapoalim r.	13.88%
General A	13.50%
Leumi stock	14.15%
Fin. Trade 1	12.80%

## SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%
Commercial Banks			
(not part of "arrangement")			
Maritime 1	1026	3924	+4.1
General non-arr.	32500	137	-2.1
First Int'l	3441	3003	+1.2
RBI	3290	4195	—
Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDB r	75500	195	-0.9
Union 0.1	59550	59	—
Discount	96000	582	—
Mizrahi	31025	417	+0.0
Hapoalim r	51580	916	+0.9
General A	133000	7	+0.8
Leumi 0.1	32580	1786	—
Fin. Trade	44800	—	—
Mortgage Banks			
Leumi Mort. r	4280	1245	+3.4
Dev. Mort.	885	2360	-4.8
Mishkan r	1970	946	+8.2
Tefehot r	10700	36	-0.9
Merav r	2052	s.o.1	-5.0
Financial Institutions			
Agrie Co.	32001	3	+3.2
Ind. Dev. CD	63792	—	-0.4
Clal Leasing 0.1	6510	—	+5.0
Insurance			
Ararat 0.1 r	3400	379	-8.1
Hesesh 0.1	2595	4208	-0.8
Phoenix 0.1	1225	—	-5.0
Hamishmar	5950	85	-2.5
Menorah 1	6850	70	+5.4
Sahar 1	3390	563	+8.9
Zion Hold. 1	11905	9	—
Trade & Services			
Meir Ezra	no trading		
Supersol 2	4400	271	-0.8
Dolex r	4195	3543	—
Lighterage	9700	233	+1.0
Cold Storage	1027	1649	+10.0
Dan Hotels	3701	211	—
Yarden Hotel	—	—	+5.0
Hilon 1	11169	43	+5.0
Team 1	1550	317	-4.3
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Azorim	4090	2591	+5.1
Elion	1089	1073	-0.9
Africa Isr. 0.1	37000	137	-1.5
Daniker	3410	1629	+10.0
Prop. & Bldg.	2510	2387	-2.3
Bay Side 0.1	3850	107	-2.5
ILDC r	no trading		
Ressco r	4200	217	+5.3
Mahadrin	11200	180	—
Mahadrin	1100	5402	—
Industrials			
Dubek b	2780	575	-1.1
Pri-Zat	3579	2768	+0.3
Sunfrost	4921	s.o.1	-5.0
Elite	12910	2372	-8.8
Adger	633	11979	+10.1
Argeman r	6800	273	-1.5
Delta G 1	4270	461	—
Maquette 1	20837	63	+5.0
Eagle 1	11530	55	-2.5
Polgat 0.1	8590	388	—
Schoellera	12650	185	—
Rogoshin	2850	672	—
Urdan 0.1 r	12950	191	-0.4
Is. Can. Co. 1	978	3285	—
Zion Cables	2260	382	-5.4
Pecker Steel	4940	159	+7.6
Elbit 2 r	39000	10	—
Investment Companies			
IDB Dev. r	3365	3822	—
Elkarn	2360	1425	+2.2
AFK 1	619	8729	+1.5
Gahelot	1300	29	+5.7
Israel Corp. 1	7457	323	+3.0
Wolfson 1 r	68000	—	—
Hapoalim Inv.	4080	808	-7.4
Leumi Invest.	5346	1193	—
Discount Invest.	2080	12894	-3.9
Mizrahi Invest.	9346	43	+1.4
Clal 10	2438	1090	-0.1
Lendecor 0.1	5690	28	-4.4
Pama 0.1	7960	287	+6.7
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	10500	213	-4.4
J.O.E.L.	1170	755	—

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	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	4.3	6-18%	7-17%	6-18%
HAPOLIM	20.2	8-18%	13-17%	13-17%
DISCOUNT	28.2	8-17%	9-17%	10-17%
MIZRAHI	18.2	12-18%	12-20%	12-18%
FIRST INT'L	20.2	8-18%	8-18%	8-18%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.  
(TAPAS: demand deposit paying daily interest.  
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

## PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of March 3)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	7.250	7.250	7.250
STG	11.375	11.125	10.750
DMK	3.875	3.875	3.875
SFR	3.125	3.125	3.125
YEN	4.375	4.000	4.000

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

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COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS	BANKNOTES	BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rates
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4728	1.4812	1.4826
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.1341	2.1607	2.1482
GERMANY	MARK	0.6676	0.6750	0.6721
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2171	0.2198	0.2184
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.5812	0.5898	0.5850
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7878	0.7976	0.7930
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2062	0.2088	0.2074
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2109	0.2135	0.2122
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1807	0.1828	0.1819
FINLAND	MARK	0.2914	0.2960	0.2930
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0281	1.0410	1.0346
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.0324	1.0453	1.0389
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.7445	0.7538	0.7480
BELGIUM	FRANC	0.3238	0.3278	0.3262
ITALY	SCILLING	0.9502	0.9621	0.9583
JAPAN	YEN	0.9806	0.9828	0.9875
JORDAN	DINAR	0.8216	0.8319	0.8273
EGYPT	POUND	—	—	4.0318
				0.7803

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SILVER:	PARIS	NOON FIX	343.55	ZURICH P.M.	338.65
PLATINUM:	LONDON	FIX	556.70		
PALLADIUM:	LONDON	P.M.	397.00		
		P.M.	105.40		

## FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

	SPOT	3 MTN	6 MTN	12 MTN
POUND STERLING	1.4625/26	116/113	183/160	300/295
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.2045/50	129/123	187/182	370/360
SWISS FRANC	1.6735/50	127/120	187/180	373/363
DUTCH GULDEN	2.4805/20	88/85	125/123	262/255
FRENCH FRANC	6.7825/75	750/600	1150/1225	1850/1950
JAPANESE YEN	179.20/30	58/56	89/86	183/179
ITALIAN LIRA	1498.00/75	3000/3125	4100/4250	7175/7375
BELGIAN FRANC	45.100/120	21/24	29/29	33/38
HONGKONG DOLLAR	—	—	—	—



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## Annexation's real danger

THERE IS no need to worry: Geula Cohen's bill calling for the application of Israel's law, jurisdiction and administration to Judea, Samaria and Gaza—their annexation, that is, to Israel—will be defeated by the Knesset today. Parliament will not, in a fit of absence of mind, tear up the country's solemn international obligations, and declare itself in effect binational.

That old politician vixen, Ms. Cohen, knows full well, however, that a sizable legislative phalanx, made up of Likud—mainly Herut—and religious party members, in addition to her own oppositionist Tehiya, would like nothing better than to renounce the Camp David accords, and with them Resolution 242. Early this week a Likud cabinet minister, Ariel Sharon, publicly urged outright annexation of the territories on the ground that the Arabs had rejected the autonomy for the Arab population in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, envisaged at Camp David.

So Ms. Cohen, thinking ahead to the next election, is out to embarrass the right-wing coalition parties, notably the Likud, by forcing them to vote down their most cherished convictions—unless they are willing to break coalition discipline, and let all political hell break loose.

Discipline must be maintained, Mr. Shamir has been telling his reluctant cohorts. But the issue, he has sought to explain to the Tehiya leaders themselves, is not one of principle, but of timing, and the timing of the Cohen bill is bad. The Likud is bound by the basic policy guidelines that rule out any change in the sovereign status of the territories during the life of the national unity government, except with the consent of both the Alignment and the Likud.

Were the Likud to support the bill, it would lose the right to the rotation—a glittering prize which Mr. Shamir, the premier-to-be, would not miss for the world.

The rotation: that's it. Not Camp David, for which Mr. Shamir does not care a hoot, except as a means of contrasting his own alleged solicitude for peace with the obduracy of the Jordanians and the Palestinians, who were not parties to the agreement signed between Israel and Egypt. Had the Jordanians and the Palestinians accepted—which in their own interest they might prefer to have done—the idea of a five-year autonomy, Mr. Shamir would have been the last man to dance in the street.

It is not for nothing that the incumbent foreign minister would not endorse the Camp David accords when they came up for a vote in the Knesset over five years ago.

Would he—who trembles at the mere thought of a mild devolution of local functions to the Palestinians under Israel rule—have today re-endorsed Mr. Begin's original commitment to the election of a self-governing Palestinian authority in the West Bank and the Gaza District? Or to the IDF's redeployment of the IDF into specified security locations in the territories and to joint border control by Israeli and Jordanian forces? Let alone to settling the final status of the territories only through negotiations with the Egyptians, the Jordanians and the Palestinians on the basis of Resolution 242—including the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war—and the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and their just requirements?

Never. Were he to do so, he would be cast out in no time from his party's leadership.

But Mr. Shamir has plainly nothing of the sort on his mind. To him, no less than to Mr. Sharon, autonomy is useful only as a prelude to annexation. And not an indispensable prelude, at that: a future Likud government, he assured Ms. Cohen, would find the right time for annexation. It does not appear to have disturbed him that this would not only put paid to any hope of wider peace, but could serve as a legitimate excuse for Egypt to renege on its existing peace undertakings, and lead sooner or later to war.

Ms. Cohen seems to welcome the prospect. Her learned party colleague Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, has already advertised plans for Israel's territorial expansion after its next armed victory.

## Unemployment—the truth

THE FEBRUARY figures on work seekers and recipients of unemployment benefits published by the Labour Exchanges purport to show that joblessness eased up somewhat in the last two months.

But statistics published on Monday by the Central Bureau of Statistics shows that during the whole of 1985 unemployment rose by 16 per cent compared with 1984, with nearly 100,000 people, or 6.7 per cent of the labour force, out of work. That was the expected result of the economic recovery programme, and there is no indication of any change in trend in the apparent fall in the number of work seekers in the last two months.

On the contrary, the coming months may produce a new wave of layoffs on a scale that could make the case of Ata or the Shipyards pale into insignificance.

Concern with soaring unemployment is no doubt one reason why Premier Shimon Peres is insisting on the renewal of growth. This is perfectly understandable, but the harsh truth must be faced that, in the short run, unemployment can only be reduced significantly by reversing the entire economic recovery programme—by funneling enough cash into the economy to increase domestic demand to its former levels. That would plainly be unacceptable.

If the policy of recovery is not to be completely overturned, the only prospect for reducing unemployment lies in a genuine renewal of growth—in creating new jobs instead of salvaging those that have been and still are being destroyed. It surely does not lie in coming to the aid of enterprises and sectors that, in addition to being mismanaged, have been forced to the wall by usurious interest rates.

But even genuine growth—for which the preconditions have not yet even been properly defined, and which depends on investment in the modernization of existing enterprises and the establishment of new ones—cannot create new jobs overnight. Some of it is, indeed, likely to be labour-displacing rather than labour-attracting. Facing the fact may be unpleasant, but it cannot be avoided.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**P.S.** ICELANDIC publishers hope their recent Christmas book-buying spree heralds the return to a tradition which gave the island of 240,000 a reputation as the most bookish nation in the world.

Books have long been the favourite Christmas present in Iceland, and stores last December sold some 400,000. This represents almost two books for every man, woman and child on the Atlantic island.

Icelandic vaunts publishing more books per capita than any other nation.

Two years ago, books seemed to be going out of style, elbowed out by videos. But Christmas 1985 saw book sales at a 10-year high.

Book prices are kept high by the tiny size of print runs, however, with the average price being \$35.

Until the advent of television and radio, it was traditional for the head of every household to read out tales of the ancient champions during the long and dark winter nights in the small wood-rock-and-earth farmsteads in which most Icelanders lived.

But Icelanders are not just avid book-readers. Six daily newspapers serve to fill them in on current events, and magazine publishing on the island is at an all-time high.

The book-buying boom also coincides with a surge of interest in preserving the Icelandic language. Through 11 centuries of habitation, Iceland's language has remained virtually unchanged.

# Theatrical court case

DAVID KRIVINE

THE DELIVERY of Ivan Demjanjuk into our hands is a mixed blessing. We have a duty to perform. He must be tried and, if found guilty of genocide, put to death in accordance with the law.

Justice will then be done; but that is all. There is no other benefit to be gained. More than 40 years have elapsed since his crimes were committed. Neither the courtroom proceedings nor his execution will bring a single one of his victims back to life.

An ordinary trial would suffice to give the Ukrainian lout his just deserts; but what we are likely to get is a show-trial. This would presumably have a wider purpose: to prevent a recurrence of the Holocaust by keeping alive its memory, by reminding the gentiles of the atrocities committed, by deterring future evildoers who will be made to see that murder does not pay.

Will these messages get across? I doubt it. At the beginning something had to be done, it was necessary to brief the gentiles about Hitler's bestialities. That was effectively achieved in the Eichmann trial. The world was shocked by its appalling disclosures and became duly contrite.

It continues to be contrite, but the effort is hard to keep up. The revelation of Nazi brutalities has gone on for a long time, perhaps too long. Contrition is beginning to wear thin.

THERE ARE two sides to our tragic ordeal as we present it. The side we Jews see is the cruelty of the oppressor, and at first that is what loomed largest for everybody. The other side is the terrible degradation of the Jews. Masochistically we keep harping on that theme, not realizing how it shames us.

We remind the foreigner at every twist and turn of things that should by now be allowed to fade in the mists of history; that many Europeans (not just the Germans) viewed us as an alien species; that they

needed little coaxing to help get rid of us.

We expose our wounds to the strangers' gaze. We thrust in their faces pictures of our collective humiliation. What are we trying to do—arouse their pity? There is no glory in being trampled underfoot. Showing off our debasement endlessly can cause enervation. Our collectors' sympathy gets to be overtaken by distaste.

It is time to lay off. Good gentiles know about the Holocaust by now and do not need to be reminded. Bad gentiles will not be disturbed by what we show them. On the contrary, their anti-Semitic appetites may be whetted by scenes of cruelty in the concentration camps; just as coarser elements everywhere find their sadistic feelings stimulated by films of violence, even though the malefactors are depicted as the villains of the story.

IF A SHOW-TRIAL is wrong for the gentiles, it is doubly wrong for the Jews, for it makes us bask in our own weakness. It exalts our traditional role as the passive victim, the perpetual underdog, the universal Aunt Sally.

Throughout the centuries we Jews were never able to fight back. When the enemy fell on us, all we could do was preach at him, berate him, reproach him for his inhumanity, call on his better feelings. It was a waste of breath: nations have—in their relations with each other—no better feelings.

We would be wiser to recognize the recurring pogrom each time for what it is: a Jewish defeat, a *fashla*, a failure for which, in the absence of anyone else to bear the burden, we must take full responsibility ourselves.

The cause of the slaughter must preoccupy us, not the slaughter it-

self. Our dead must be mourned; that is indisputable. We feel a terrible kinship with them, because they were martyred for being what we are, for being Jews. But we cannot restore them to this earth, we cannot undo the horrors of the Holocaust. The one gift we can make them is to ensure that their martyrdom was not in vain, that it will not be repeated—that there will never be another slaughter of Jews.

The safety of our people depends on us, and only on us. Begging the stranger to be benevolent has never been the way. Yet we cannot shake the habit off. We choose the passive role, because that is what we were used to in the *gola*. We re-enact the past, re-live its agonies, wallow in self-pity, shake our fists against our fate and destiny. Cannot we see how ridiculous this is? We are like a pedestrian caught in a snowstorm who catches double pneumonia and curses the elements, blaming them for his ordeal.

THE WOES of the Jews under Hitler, however dreadful they seem to us, are not the world's most overwhelming preoccupation. This is what we fail to understand. Nations are not concerned with other people's sufferings, only their own. There are plenty of candidates for international commiseration—the Armenians, the Cambodians, the starving Africans. The Holocaust was worse? Sure it was, but nobody is listening.

So let us do our own thing for once. Instead of sermonizing our oppressors, let us quit their territory and live in our own country where we belong. When we are together we can do what other countries do: utilize our power as a nation-state to defend our rights. Jewish matters should cease to figure on the agenda of other governments; they are on our agenda. The ordeals we have undergone are our own affair. Our mourning is something private to us.

## Dry Bones



IN THE SAME WAY Demjanjuk's court case is a domestic matter. We are not prosecuting the entire Ukrainian people, or Germany's Nazi regime, or any other corporate body. In the dock is one individual who is accused of murdering Jews. His trial should be open to foreign observers so that nothing is concealed. But there is no reason to turn these proceedings into an international spectacle.

Demjanjuk is a common criminal and should be treated like one. Instead, he is being blown up into a VIP. Television viewers watch his descent from a plane (as if he was Sadat), examine the cell in which he will reside, scrutinize his toilet bowl. A special tribunal will judge him in a special courtroom. Journalists, press photographers and TV cameramen

are flocking in from the four corners of the earth. What for? The situation is getting out of hand.

The case should be handled in the regulation manner by a district judge in a district court, without theatricals. If the Jewish peoples want to commemorate Demjanjuk's downfall and that of his fellow-assassins, let it be by organizing the immigration of 50,000 Jews to Israel.

That is what our murdered brethren would have liked to see, and not a repeat technicolour performance over all networks for the umpteenth time—on this occasion in Treblinka—of their pain, their fear, their starvation, their emaciation, their humiliation and their destruction.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

## READERS' LETTERS

### ALIYA FROM SOUTH AFRICA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Shlomo Avineri's article of February 2 is irresponsible and could lead to panic and confusion. There is no way that this sort of article can promote a positive aliya.

The South African Zionist Federation does its utmost to promote aliya of South African Jews. South African aliya, proportionately, is probably second to no other western country's aliya, as are the contributions that have been made to Israeli society by South African olim. It follows that Avineri's first proposed resolution to call on South African Jewry to come on aliya is completely unnecessary.

The second proposed resolution to set up a special "South African emergency task force" is to say the least ludicrous. South Africa is a free democratic country that has never prevented any Jew from fulfilling the mitzva of aliya. All that Avineri's article could succeed in doing, apart from causing panic amongst South African Jews, is worsen their position and damage the good relationship existing between Israel and South Africa, one of Israel's closest friends.

JOHN S. COHEN

Ra'anana.

### THE RELEVANCE OF WORLD CRISES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Having participated in the recently concluded 8th Plenary Meeting of the World Jewish Congress held in Jerusalem, I was distressed though not surprised to read an article in your paper by Moshe Kohn noting that some delegates complained that the agenda included a discussion of the foreign debt problems of the Latin American continent and the issues of democracy on that continent. Those discussions were led by some of the region's outstanding political figures, including Uruguay's Foreign Minister Enrique Iglesias, a leader of the Caratega group, and Senator Fernando Enrique Cardoso, one of Brazil's

leading political figures.

I can only wonder whether those delegates who complained about these discussions might also not have seen the importance of discussions in 1930 of the debt problem, hyperinflation and the future of democracy in the Weimar Republic to the prospects for the Jewish people. Such parallels between Germany then and Latin America today are not outrageous and it is regrettable that some Jewish leaders continually fail to see the relevance of world crises to the well-being of both Israel and the Diaspora.

RONALD G. HELLMAN  
New York.

### IPO PRAYERS AT AUSCHWITZ

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I refer to Lea Chayen's letter of February 25 and I wish to state that the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will not be performing a concert at Auschwitz within the framework of its forthcoming concert tour of Poland. It is clearly unthinkable that such a thing could ever take place.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Chayen has been misled by incorrect information that was published in The Jerusalem Post on February 14.

It is natural for Jews who visit

Poland to honour the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. And it is quite natural for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, as a representative cultural institution of Israel, to want to go to Auschwitz to memorialize the victims in "Kaddish," and in "Psalm" by Ben-Haim. This is being carried out with the approval of Yad Vashem, Jerusalem.

ELCHANAN BREGMAN  
IPO Board of Management  
Tel Aviv.

## KUPATH HOLIM

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adopt efficiency measures in the health fund, with a "minimum of dismissals." Kassar said the reasons for the fund's difficulties were nothing less than a "national scandal." He said that the fund's debt had been \$20 million less than 15 months ago, but it had risen to \$200 million due to high interest charges in loans from commercial banks.

Gadish says that Kupat Holim's short term debt is \$243m. In the past year, short term debts to Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi have increased by \$95 million. These banks will be asked to loan this sum to the fund for 12 years at low interest rates, to reduce the short-term debt burden.

The banks will raise \$100m. in the capital market to finance the debt

rescheduling. The government will give Kupat Holim \$15m. in direct aid. It will also purchase some 500 flats owned by the fund and will try to sell them to their present tenants. But it will be necessary to offer them mortgages at preferential terms.

Kupat Holim will be required to fire about 1,000 employees. It will also have to increase membership dues and payments for medicines. Payments for stays in rest homes and for dental treatments will also be raised. Rest homes that do not show profits will have to be sold.

Kassar said the fund's fees would not be raised for its poorest members. But other members would have to bear part of the burden, he added.

## TABA TALKS

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the talks. The shift was presumably based on fears that armed mutineers may still be hiding in the nearby desert.

A curfew is still in effect in Cairo, but it was reduced yesterday from 12 to 10 hours, starting at 8 p.m. An undisclosed number of mutineers are still at large, as are 300 of the 1,200 prisoners freed by the police rioters from a prison in South Cairo.

Although numerous foreign flags flew outside the El-Salaam yesterday, the Israeli flag was not among them. "It's not customary with the Egyptians to fly the national flags at these bilateral talks," said a spokesman for the Israeli Embassy.

Members of the two delegations chatted amiably with each other in the hotel lobby before entering the grand ballroom for the opening

meeting. The Egyptian delegation, led by Dr. Nabil El-Arabi, head of the Foreign Ministry's legal department, sat in the centre, flanked by the Israelis and a small American delegation.

The negotiators later split into two committees, one discussing border problems, including Taba and 15 other disputed border points, and the other discussing bi-lateral relations.

The latter are expected to include the construction of a Coptic college in East Jerusalem's Shu'afat quarter. Israeli Ambassador Moshe Sasson this week met Egypt's Tourism Minister to pave the way for a visit by Tourism Minister Avraham Shari to discuss Egyptian tourism to Israel and foreign tour packages that would include both countries.

## ANGER IN HERUT

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would probably be competing against him in the battle for the chairmanship of the all-important steering committee at the start of the convention.

The committee will eventually choose the party's new leader and the next Knesset list. Levy supporters maintained that

Shamir and Arens had undemocratically tried to alter the internal election results by co-opting extra delegates representing different party sectors.

"Their attempt was foiled by the party court. They are the last people who should speak of democracy and the Mafia," a leading source in the Levy camp told The Jerusalem Post.

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